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At dinner for Mustafa Khalil

Peres says firmly no compromise with Khomeini

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Vice Premier Shimon Peres pledged last night that Israel would never compromise with Khomeini's Iran. "This is the message you must take back," Peres told visiting Egyptian statesman Mustafa Khalil at a dinner in his honour in Jerusalem. (Khalil lecture — page 2)

"There is not a single Israeli that I am aware of who could compromise with Khomeini... We cannot tolerate this militancy of hatred and backwardness," Peres said. He stressed that Israel's interests in resisting Iran were at one with those of the moderate Arab world. "We cannot imagine ourselves as an island of democracy and progress in an ocean of fundamentalism."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was sitting beside Khalil as Peres gave this undertaking.

At the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday, Rabin assured members that Israel was not supplying "a single nut or bolt" to Iran. Questioned closely by committee chairman Abba Eban (Labour), Rabin said he was referring to the government of Israel and Israeli citizens acting on its behalf. He admitted that there might be arms dealers of foreign or dual nationalities who might still be trading with Tehran.

Israel tells Congress that North instigated Iran deal

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Contradicting the sworn testimony of former National Security Council official Oliver North, Israel informed the U.S. congressional panel investigating the Iran-Contra affair last summer that he, and not Israel, had initiated the overall idea of diverting profits from the Iran arms sales to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

The Israeli version was contained in a previously unpublished chronology of events which the Israeli government formally submitted to the House-Senate panel.

But by informing the committees that North had told Israeli officials in New York about the arms diversion scheme, Israel appeared to contradict its repeated assertions that it was totally unaware that funds from the Iran arms sales were going to the Contras.

After the scandal erupted a year ago, Israel strenuously denied any knowledge of funds going to the Contras from the Iran arms sales. But in its confidential chronology

to the Congress, Israel said that North had discussed the arrangement with unnamed Israeli Defence Ministry representatives assigned to the purchasing mission in New York.

The committee is scheduled to officially release its final 700-page report this morning, but *The New York Times* yesterday published excerpts from the separate dissenting report filed by Republican minority members.

They have accused the majority House and Senate members of being unfairly harsh in their condemnation of President Reagan's role in the affair. As a result, they prepared their own dissenting account.

According to the minority report, Israel said in its official chronology that North had told Israeli Defence Ministry supply officials in New York on December 6, 1985, that the Contras needed money, and that "he intended to use proceeds from the Iran arms sales to get them some."

But in his testimony before the (Continued on Back Page)

Rabin: Deir el-Balah girl not shot by settlers at roadblock

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that the Arab girl shot dead in Deir el-Balah in the Gaza Strip last week had not been killed by bullets fired from the weapons of the Jewish settlers held up at a "hostile roadblock."

Rabin and a senior staff officer of the IDF Southern Command told the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the girl was shot at a point too far away from the roadblock for the settlers there to have been involved.

The staff officer said that the army was still probing reports that a Subaru saloon car drove up to the quarter later on, and turned into one of the alleys. The army was seeking some connection with another report by a local Arab teacher who said two shots had been fired at him, but had missed. The officer said that two empty cartridge cases were found exactly where the teacher said this had happened.

The officer refused to be drawn by Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) into suggesting that the girl was "murdered in cold blood."

Rabin said that standing orders

allowed firing in the air when people were held up at hostile roadblocks and had to extricate themselves to avoid being hurt. Since the girl, Intisar el-Attar, was shot elsewhere, he said, the shooting in that case was a clear violation of standing orders.

To committee members who accused the OC Southern Command, Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, of over-hastily blaming the settlers, Rabin said: "The general simply made it plain that the girl was shot illegally, and I stand behind the general and his statement." (See story, page 2.)

Rabin said that the Gaza Strip Arabs were far from being "the only ones who harass the IDF."

Turning to settlers elsewhere who posed problems for the army authorities, the minister said that he had asked the police to prosecute Jewish residents of Kiryat Arba who had caused a serious disturbance of public order at the Machpela Cave last week.

Rabin said the army authorities intend to take other measures apart from pressing charges. Rabbi Moshe Levinger, one of the Kiryat Arba leaders, tipped up a bench in the Cave on which a soldier was (Continued on Back Page)



Prime Minister Shamir makes a point during a conversation in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon with former Egyptian prime minister Mustafa Khalil. The Premier was scheduled to leave after midnight for a week-long visit to the U.S. (Brian Hender)

U.S. ready to reward Israel for 'open door' on peace -- Peres

By BENNY MORRIS
Foreign Minister Peres yesterday

said that the U.S. is ready to sign two memoranda of understanding with Israel which would bind Washington beyond the present Reagan administration - if Israel "opens the doors" to peace talks with Arabs.

Speaking to a group of B'nai B'rith organizers in Jerusalem, Peres said that "the present administration is ready to agree to memoranda of understanding about the nature of and the limitations to an international conference (and about) the prospects for the ongoing aid to Israel, economic and military... if we open the doors to negotiating peace in the Middle East."

Peres's aides said that the foreign minister's reference was to Israeli agreement to an international conference for peace talks. The memoranda, said the aides, would be binding on the successor to the Reagan administration, whether Democratic or Republican.

Later, Peres met with Mustafa Khalil, a former Egyptian prime minister now here on a visit. The international conference concept

and the recent Arab summit in Amman were understood to have been at the centre of their conversation.

At a dinner in his honour in Jerusalem, the Egyptian statesman twice called on Israel to "respond positively" to current peace initiatives, especially in the favourable situation created by the Arab summit. It was "high time for a positive response from the Israeli side," he said.

The moderate Arab states' resumption of diplomatic relations with Egypt was "an implicit recognition of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. Before they put up demands and conditions; but Egypt stood fast with her obligations. Now they have resumed relations without these preconditions."

Neither Peres, the host at last night's dinner, nor Khalil, mentioned Menachem Begin or the late Moshe Dayan in their speeches which focused on the Sadat visit and the peace process.

Peres's omission was criticized by several guests as "mean-spirited."

Earlier, Khalil met with Prime

Minister Shamir, who proposed that Egypt, Israel and Jordan hold a "noncommittal" meeting to "seek a way to renew the autonomy talks."

Khalil apparently responded that an international conference was the best way to achieve progress in the peace process.

Khalil called the Amman summit a "success," but said that it had not brought Syria and Iraq any closer. Khalil conveyed regards to Shamir from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Shamir told Khalil that he had received from Mubarak a "personal message" delivered by Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouni during the weekend. That message had urged Shamir, on the eve of his departure tonight for a six-day visit to Washington, to contribute to the renewal of the peace process.

Shamir was due to leave for Washington after midnight last night. He is scheduled to meet with President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz on Friday and to address American Jewish leaders, before returning to Israel on Monday.

Meeting with Senegalese leader 'likely'

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who leaves today for a week-long visit to Western Europe, is thought "likely" to hold a meeting while in Brussels with Senegal's President Abdou Diouf.

Diouf, Peres, and Portuguese President Mario Soares are all scheduled to receive honorary doctorates from the University of Brussels later this week in a joint ceremony.

Sources in Jerusalem said that "it is very doubtful that anything will come of the (expected Peres-Diouf) meeting" in terms of possible renewal of Israeli-Senegalese relations. Senegal, it was pointed out, has been one of the main African recipients of Arab economic aid in recent years.

During his stay in Belgium, Peres will also meet with Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans. During the following French leg of his trip, Peres will

meet with President Francois Mitterrand and other French leaders as well as with singer Enrico Massias.

Peres will then visit London, where he is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

In all three capitals, Peres is expected to press on with his efforts to convene an international conference for Middle East peace.

Israelis welcome prospect of ties with Tanzania

By BENNY MORRIS

Israeli officials yesterday expressed "satisfaction" with a reported statement by Julius Nyerere, Africa's elder statesman, about the possible renewal by Tanzania of relations with Israel.

Speaking to reporters in Nairobi, Nyerere reportedly said that he saw "no reason" for Tanzania not to re-

new relations with Israel, relations severed by Tanzania along with most of black Africa in 1973.

Nyerere also reportedly said that the Organization of African Unity should pass a resolution allowing each African country to decide as it wishes on renewal of ties with Israel. (Such a decision would be similar to the Arab summit decision in Am-

man last week to allow each Arab country to decide on its own about restoring ties with Egypt).

The reported statements by Nyerere, former president of Tanzania and chairman of the country's ruling (and only) party, was last night defined in Jerusalem as "very interesting, especially coming from him. He was never very close to Israel."

Moscow: Over 26,000 Soviet citizens have emigrated this year

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

The head of Ovir, the Soviet government office in charge of issuing exit visas, says that over 26,000 Soviet citizens have been allowed to emigrate so far this year, and that there has been a drop in applications to leave for Israel.

This was revealed yesterday in an interview with Rudolf Kuznetsov, head of Ovir, published by Tass, the official news agency.

Tass did not say how many Jews or members of other ethnic groups were included in the "over-26,000"

figure. But Soviet Jewry activist sources in Israel said that 6,330 Jews had left the Soviet Union this year, 1,622 of whom had come to Israel. Jewish emigration over the past few years had dwindled to about 1,000 annually.

Prof. Edith Frankel, who teaches Russian studies at the Hebrew University, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the only other groups allowed to leave the Soviet Union in relatively large numbers are the Volga Germans and the Armenians.

She said that it was unlikely that as many as 20,000 of these two

groups had been allowed to leave this year. She added that small numbers of dissidents, Ukrainians and others have also been allowed to leave.

Kuznetsov also said that the number of private visits Soviet citizens have been allowed to make abroad has doubled this year over the same period in 1986. He said permitting such visits to relatives in other countries has cut down on the number of applications for permanent departure.

The Ovir chief also claimed that only 8 per cent of applications for

emigration are rejected, which he said was far below last year's rejection rate. He said the "most characteristic tendency" in Soviet emigration is a drop in the number of applications to leave for Israel. But he did not say how steep this drop was.

Frankel said the Soviets had this year been trying to get rid of the "troublesome" long-term refuseniks, but have made it harder for new applicants to get exit visas. She said that from a Soviet Jew's point of view, if your chances to leave aren't good, and you are likely to suffer if

Kuznetsov also disclosed that two women who have been trying for years to join their husbands in the U.S., Yelena Kaplan and Galina Goltzman, were told by the Supreme Soviet on Friday that they would be allowed to leave soon.

He said a visa would also be issued to Yuri Balovlenkov, who has waited nearly a decade to go to Baltimore, Maryland, where his wife and two children live.

you apply to leave, then you will be less likely to apply.

This could explain the purported drop in applications and in refusals.

By COLIN MCINTYRE

BUCHAREST (Reuters). — Romanians are bracing themselves for what threatens to be their bleakest winter in years, thanks to new cuts in energy supplies that have already been pared to what many countries would consider a bare minimum.

The government, which has been grappling with a chronic energy crisis since 1982, has just announced cuts of around 30 per cent in gas and electricity supplies to homes and non-productive consumers, such as theatres and universities.

This comes on top of previous reductions that have already drastically reduced home and street lighting, cut television transmission to

Romanians bracing themselves for bleak winter

two hours a day and reduced home heating to teeth-chattering levels. "We fear for this winter," one Western diplomat said.

According to Bucharest residents, the new regulations cut the previous limit for a typical three-bedroom apartment from 47 to 35 kilowatt hours a month.

Western experts said this would be only enough to light a typical apartment for two or three hours a day, and would exclude the use of refrigerators, washing machines and

irons. The possession of electric heaters is illegal.

The power of light bulbs is already restricted to 25 watts, and there is talk of introducing 15-watt bulbs.

Gas supplies, set for each winter month, range from 80 to 250 cubic metres a month, depending on the size of apartment and number of people living in it.

Western experts said that the lower limit, used for both heating and cooking, would last an average fam-

ily in Vienna, which has a climate similar to Bucharest, no more than a week.

Anyone exceeding their ration by more than 5 per cent will face a surcharge under the new regulations of 50 per cent for the extra; if they use over 10 per cent more than the limit, the penalty will be 200 per cent.

Anyone straying above that runs the risk of having their supply cut off. The new regulations are the latest in a series of measures that have

been introduced to tackle severe shortages of electricity and other energy sources over the past five years, particularly during the winter.

Last winter, one of the severest on record, private cars were banned from the streets for several weeks to save petrol. There was no word on whether similar moves were contemplated this year.

Two years ago, the country's power stations were put under temporary military control to cope with a "situation of necessity" in the elec-

U.S. struggles for compromise on budget cuts

WASHINGTON. — As White House and congressional negotiators struggled to find an elusive compromise on budget deficit reductions yesterday, Wall Street share prices again fell broadly and the dollar slid sharply as investors displayed impatience with the slow pace of negotiations in Washington.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 49 points to 1,922.25 at closing and the Blue Chip indicator began a retreat on Monday afternoon after President Reagan said it would be wrong to raise taxes to cut the deficit.

The dollar sank to 1.6905 marks at closing yesterday from 1.7145 at Monday's close. It fell to 135.55 yen from 137.15.

The U.S. currency had surged on Monday in anticipation of a budget agreement in Washington.

White House and congressional leaders, seeking to cut about \$30 billion from this year's budget deficit, are now in their fourth week of talks. The huge U.S. budget deficit is viewed as a major contributor to the October 19 crash on Wall Street, when the Dow Index plunged 508 points.

As a Friday deadline loomed for automatic \$23 b. cuts in military and domestic spending with an election year round the corner, neither Democrats nor Republicans were eager to be identified as the authors of measures which pushed up taxes or

The Bank of Israel yesterday set the exchange rate of the shekel against the currency basket at NIS 1.7019, passing the NIS 1.7 mark for the first time.

Until the beginning of the month the bank maintained an exchange rate of NIS 1.68, which it set after the January 13 devaluation. The rate of exchange against the dollar was set yesterday at NIS 1.5761.

Bank officials said yesterday the bank's policy was still to keep the shekel-currency basket exchange rate stable. But this did not rule out small daily fluctuations of fractions of a per cent, as have occurred in the past.

cut social programmes and benefits.

But as the talks entered their 16th day behind closed doors on Capitol Hill, the international clamour for positive action grew. Britain's Prime Minister Thatcher, President Reagan's closest international ally and fellow conservative, called for "clear and decisive action" over the budget cuts.

Wall Street, where the 508 point dive in the Dow Jones index of leading shares October 19 triggered a worldwide stock collapse, was also nervously awaiting the outcome of negotiations.

The index fell as reports circulated (Continued on Back Page)

Row over cash for settlements

BY AVI TEMKIN

The Knesset Finance Committee again witnessed angry exchanges yesterday as members clashed over the proposed transfer of NIS10 million for the development of three new settlements in the West Bank.

The committee eventually voted to approve the transfer, but Haim Ramon (Labour) and Dedi Zucker (CRM) immediately asked for a second vote, and demanded that Treasury and Housing Ministry officials be asked to provide further details.

Ramon claimed that the money requested was really not intended for the three settlements: Avnei Hefetz, Betar and Asahel. He said that special arrangements already existed to finance the construction of the

first two, and that Asahel did not even exist and was not meant to be built. Ramon and Zucker suggested that the money would be diverted to other uses in the West Bank.

Zucker further claimed that there were questions regarding the legality of the land arrangements in Avnei Hefetz and Asahel, and requested that Plia Albeck of the Justice Ministry clarify this issue.

Ramon's remarks angered Yehoshua Matza (Herut), who accused him of holding "political leftist" ideas and of trying to obstruct the development of Judea and Samaria. Matza said Ramon had lied regarding the three settlements and charged that he was using "verbal violence" to achieve his ends.



A previously unknown photograph of John Demjanjuk as a DP camp policeman at Landschut in 1946 was introduced as evidence in his trial in Jerusalem yesterday. (Report — page 2) (Media)

deputy prime minister in charge of the national energy system. Gheorghe Petrescu, Electric Power Minister Ioan Avram and the managers of the country's two largest power plants.

The problems appear to go beyond simple mismanagement, however. The official Romanian press itself revealed recently that one of the main electric power plants was able to use only 16 per cent of its capacity because of a lack of equipment and spare parts.

"We keep on thinking that things can go no further, but they always do," one Western diplomat said.

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CHICAGO	10 16	16	21	Cloudy
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FRANKFURT	7 10	10	12	Cloudy
GENEVA	8 11	11	12	Cloudy
HAMBURG	8 11	11	12	Cloudy
HONG KONG	22 28	28	32	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	17 23	23	28	Cloudy
LONDON	13 18	18	20	Cloudy
LUXEMBOURG	8 11	11	12	Cloudy
MADRID	8 11	11	12	Cloudy
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OSLO	8 11	11	12	Cloudy
PARIS	8 11	11	12	Cloudy
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SAO PAULO	18 23	23	28	Cloudy
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TOKYO	11 16	16	18	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	17	12-24	21
Golan	15	15-27	24
Nahariya	-	-	20
Salad	-	-	20
Haifa Port	40	19-31	25
Tiberias	34	17-29	25
Nazareth	34	17-29	25
Afula	17	11-32	26
Shomron	23	14-27	23
Tel Aviv	47	19-28	24
B-G Airport	34	15-33	26
Jericho	11	10-30	24
Gaza	11	15-32	26
Beersheba	11	15-32	26
Eilat	13	18-32	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Charles Boasson will speak today on "Parashat Hashavu'a" at 1 p.m. at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, at the YMCA. A business meeting will follow.

Irene and Sigmund Freundlich, Co-Chairmen, American Friends of Sanz Medical Centre, and founders of the Freundlich Urology Department, for the inauguration of the department at Laniado Hospital - Tache Clinics.

Sharon revamps commercial attache network

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's reorganization of his ministry's network of commercial attaches will end the legal dispute surrounding his appointments last year to posts in New York and Hamburg.

Under the reorganization announced yesterday, these two posts will be abolished, thus effectively putting an end to a petition filed in the High Court of Justice by 55 ministry workers. They claimed that Sharon's appointments had violated regulations, and that Reuven Shalom (New York) and Moshe Ben-Natan (Hamburg) had been appointed solely on the basis of their political ties to Sharon.

The High Court issued a temporary order stopping the two men from taking up their appointments.

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HOME NEWS

Settlers' call to sever ties with IDF commander raises storm

By BRADLEY BURSTON and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporters

GAZA. — A resolution by Gaza Strip Jewish settlement leaders to "sever all ties" with O/C Southern Command Commander Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai and to sue him for libel evoked a storm of official criticism yesterday and deepened a long-standing rift in the settlement movement here.

Defence Minister Rabin told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday that the IDF would have nothing to do with the Gaza Area Regional Council until it apologized to Mordechai and retracted its condemnation of him. "We shall not turn a blind eye to the settlers' behaviour. Their statements were impudent, offensive and brazen," he said. "We cannot let settlers spread such slander with impunity."

Even as Rabin spoke, committee members knew of the meeting scheduled for today between Mordechai and the regional council at which the council members are expected to apologize. National Religious Party MK Rabbi Haim Druckman was instrumental in arranging the *suha*.

Rabin also is to meet today with council representatives in his Tel Aviv office.

The anti-Mordechai statement, drafted earlier this week in an extraordinary meeting of the Gaza

Area Regional Council, came in the wake of last week's arrest of four settlers as suspects in the killing of a Palestinian schoolgirl shot during a demonstration.

Following the arrests, Mordechai was quoted as suggesting that the girl had been killed in her schoolyard, and not near the barricade set up by rock-throwing students that had trapped the settlers. Mordechai also reportedly said that there was no evidence that the settlers' lives had been threatened when they opened fire.

Though Mordechai later told regional council head Reuven Posenblatt that he had been quoted out of context, the settlers' ire was rekindled this week when police ballistics tests appeared to clear the arrested settlers of responsibility for the schoolgirl's death. The regional council resolution urged that Mordechai resign, called for a libel suit against him and a suit against the Arab teachers who testified against the settlers during the police investigation.

Yesterday, Rabin received a cable of support from Avi Farhan, a leader of the Gaza settlers. Farhan, who is also a Teiyya Party spokesman and was prominent in the movement to stop the evacuation from Sinai in the early 1980s, has called for changes in the leadership of the regional council, currently tied to the National Religious Party.

and a retraction of the remarks against Mordechai.

According to Farhan, the anti-Mordechai resolution did not reflect the view of the majority of Gaza settlers.

Strong support for Mordechai was voiced later in the day by Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron. "The statement about severing ties with Mordechai is, in fact, a statement about severing ties with the entire IDF," he said.

"And in the Katif bloc in Gaza, severance of ties with the IDF is the severance of ties with reality. It is unthinkable. The ability of Katif residents to live in security is a result, before all else, of the dedicated, serious, successful work of Aluf Mordechai."

Shomron's unreserved backing was noteworthy in view of the recent IDF infighting. Mordechai had strongly opposed Shomron's candidacy for the post of chief of general staff. Mordechai resigned when Shomron was appointed, but his resignation was rejected.

Shomron expressed the hope that "for their own good" the settlers would restore "normal working relations" with Mordechai and retract their condemnation of him.

Likud MK Michael Eitan sided with Mordechai's critics, demanding that Rabin "fight the eruption of unrest instead of inciting senior officers against the settlers."

Lawyers: Photo shows defendant's recall faulty

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A hitherto unknown photograph of John Demjanjuk has come to light and was entered into evidence at the trial yesterday. The photo shows the accused as a member of the internal security force at the Landsbut displaced persons' camp in 1946. In a triangle on his cap and sleeve are the letters IRO, of the International Refugee Organization.

The photo was found among old letters in the attic of the Demjanjuk house in Cleveland by his younger daughter, Irene Nishnic. Its importance, the defence says, lies in the fact that during 11 years of questioning in the U.S. and here Demjanjuk never mentioned that he had served with the camp police at Landsbut. This proves, the theory goes, that he is apt to forget personal facts concerning the war years and the immediate post-war period.

The defence is using the new evidence to explain discrepancies in Demjanjuk's testimony regarding his stay at the Chelm prisoner of war camp and the work, digging peat, which he said he did there.



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Prosecutor Michael Shaked said: "I object to the photo being introduced unless Demjanjuk can be questioned on it."

Defence counsel Yoram Sheftel: "I agree to that."

After court president Dov Levin accepted the photo into evidence it was shown to the defence witness, experimental psychology professor Wilhelm Wagenaar. "This is an illustration of how a 'kick,' such as the finding of the photograph, can release the memory of a forgotten episode. Demjanjuk's memory was not cued or triggered to bring up this episode. Free, unasked-for recall is much more difficult."

Wagenaar explained how in episodic memory there are three stages: input, storage and retrieval (Continued on Page Nine)

Nurses postpone sanctions

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

The country's 10,000 hospital nurses last night gave their employers a three-day breather and agreed not to shorten their work week unilaterally at least until Friday night.

Their vote was taken after a nearly four-hour meeting of nurses' representatives, who are demanding the implementation of a year-old agreement that they work only 36 hours a week, instead of 40, with anything above being overtime.

The employers — the government, Kupat Holim Clalit and public institutions like Hadassah — are willing to pay only about 150 per cent of the hourly rate for overtime, while the nurses are demanding 400 to 700 per cent.

Meanwhile, there was "absolutely no progress" yesterday in the six-week-old dispute between Kupat Holim Clalit hospital doctors and management, according to a doctors' spokesman. The physicians are demanding "reasonable overtime" for working a second shift in hospital operating rooms and clinics.

As a result, Hasharon Hospital and the Geha Mental Hospital in Petah Tikva and the Hatzfeldt Geriatric Hospital in Gedera will operate on a reduced schedule today; tomorrow the targets will be Beilinson Hospital and the Beit Rivka Geriatric Hospital in Petah Tikva and the Josephthal Hospital in Eilat. In addition, the outpatient clinics in all seven general Kupat Holim hospitals will be closed today and tomorrow.

52 injured in kibbutz factory fire

By BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

URIM. — Fifty-two people were treated in hospital yesterday after a fire destroyed the large Noam Urim blanket and carpet factory on this Western Negev kibbutz.

The casualties were taken to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital suffering from smoke-inhalation. All but one were later released.

The fire began when a factory furnace exploded during the breakfast break. The five workers in the building at the time fled, but dense smoke spread rapidly, affecting scores of kibbutz members far from the site.

Shortly afterwards, kibbutz members evacuated all children and elderly persons to a nearby kibbutz.

Nine ambulances, five fire engines and a fire-fighting crane were required to transport the injured and put out the fire. The heat from the four-hour blaze caused the factory's metal ceiling to collapse.

Israel Beribo, area director of Magen David Adom operations, said yesterday that the success of resuscitation efforts at the scene of the fire was largely due to a sophisticated "multi-respirator" for use in emergencies and delivered to the Ofakim MDA station just days ago.

Beribo also said that three firefighters suffered from smoke inhalation but refused to be evacuated and remained on the fire line until the blaze was extinguished.

Move to limit district psychiatrists' powers

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Twenty-three MKs from all sides of the Knesset have tabled a joint private member's bill restricting the powers of the district psychiatrist to hospitalize mental patients without their consent.

Under their radical proposal, a mental patient may not be held for more than 10 days without his consent. After that period his case would come automatically before a psychiatric committee.

This committee could order further hospitalization only if it is convinced that the patient's release would endanger the patient or other persons, and that such danger could not be obviated by other



Handicapped protesters demonstrate yesterday in front of the Finance Treasury against reported proposals to cancel the tax-exemptions on their NII benefits. (P. Tinkler/Media)

Arabs are bound to peace talks with Israel, Egyptian leader says

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
HAIFA. — The Amman Arab summit "has committed the 21 Arab states, including Syria, to a just and comprehensive peace through negotiations with Israel under the appropriate auspices," as set out by Security Council Resolution 338," Dr. Mustafa Khalil said here yesterday.

The former Egyptian premier and present co-deputy chairman of his country's ruling political party added that "they did not speak of war but about comprehensive peace." He also predicted that Syria would come to an international peace conference if Israel agreed to one.

Khalil, backed by Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, called on Israel's leaders to pursue peace through such a conference and not stand on the letter of the Camp David accords, which the Egyptian Parliament has never ratified.

Both men, who were active in forging the peace accord between the two countries, were speakers at a symposium in the University of Haifa's Jewish-Arab Centre, to mark the 10th anniversary of the late President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

The silver-haired Egyptian, quiet-spoken and normally cool, was visibly upset when Haifa University Professor Gad Gilbar ascribed Sadat's peace initiative to economic motives, and Professor Gabriel

Warburg charged the Egyptian elite with distancing themselves from the peace with Israel.

Warburg, who for over two years headed the Israel Academic Centre in Cairo, quoted Cairo Professor Mohammed Sha'alan's remarks to *The Jerusalem Post* that his government was acting "ashamed (of the peace) as though it did something wrong and was trying to apologize to the Arabs."

Sha'alan, Khalil said, was piqued at not being in the government and therefore did not know what happened inside it.

"Egyptian public opinion is for the peace and the test came when we stood up to the demands of Arab states to abrogate it. We never changed our position or yielded to any pressure, but pursued our efforts for a comprehensive peace for the area."

Khalil also maintained that the economic situation was only one, and not the most important, factor behind Sadat's "mainly political" initiative. In passing, he revealed that he himself had been the architect of the Arab oil policies, which, he said, he had persuaded the Gulf states to adopt three days before the Yom Kippur War.

Sadat's initiative had not been "a hasty decision," but had been debated by Egypt's Security Council, of which he was a member, for a whole month. "We knew everything but the timing," Sadat had even flown to Damascus, "but President Assad refused to join him."

When Begin came to power, "Sadat preferred to negotiate with a hard-liner than with a soft-liner who may not be able to deliver," Khalil said.

Wolf Blitzer adds from Washington: Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter yesterday insisted that Syria was prepared to enter into peace negotiations with Israel at an international conference.

He said that Syrian President Hafez Assad had told him last March in Damascus that Syria was willing to participate in such a conference.

"They are willing, under those auspices, to negotiate directly with Israel to resolve the problem of the Golan Heights, and other things," Carter said in an interview on ABC's *Good Morning America* television programme.

The former president has just opened a three-day conference on the Middle East at the Carter Centre of Emory University in Atlanta.

In the television interview, Carter said that any progress in advancing Arab-Israeli peace negotiations was now largely dependent on Israel and the U.S. He insisted that the Arab states were prepared to negotiate directly with Israel at an international conference.

Israel asked to aid Anne Pollard

By WOLF BLITZER
WASHINGTON. — Anne Henderson-Pollard's father, Bernard Henderson-Pollard, who is serving a five-year sentence in a federal prison for illegally possessing classified documents.

His daughter, Anne Pollard, through medical malpractice or negligence, is slowly and painfully dying in prison," Henderson said in a cable to New York lawyer Leon Charney, who is now in Tel Aviv.

He appealed to Charney to use his

contacts with senior officials in Israel to try to help the 27-year-old Henderson-Pollard, who is serving a five-year sentence in a federal prison for illegally possessing classified documents.

Her 33-year-old husband, Jonathan Jay Pollard, is serving a life sentence after having pleaded guilty to spying for Israel.

Henderson, who has organized a "Citizens for the Pollards" campaign in New York, asked Charney

to re-enter the case on behalf of his daughter. The lawyer had been briefly involved in the case early this year.

Charney, in a telephone interview, said he would raise the issue with the Israeli leadership.

Meanwhile, Henderson-Pollard's sister-in-law, Carol Pollard, has appealed to Amnesty International and the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union to get involved in the case.

Mini-Uzi to be sold worldwide

Post Economic Staff

The mini-Uzi submachine gun is to be sold worldwide by an American company for the next 20 years. This emerged yesterday from a letter sent by Yisum Holdings to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Yisum notified the exchange that Uzi R & D Associates, an American firm in which it has a stake, has signed an agreement with another American firm unidentified in the letter granting the latter rights to produce and market all over the world a mini-submachine gun developed by Uzi R & D.

Uzi R & D will be entitled to royalties from each gun sold.

Palestinian activist told to leave

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Interior Ministry yesterday notified Palestinian non-violence activist Mubarak Awad that he has to leave the country by Friday, following the rejection of his request to extend his tourist visa.

"I'm not leaving," Awad said last night. "They'll have to force me out or put me in jail."

The Interior Ministry letter, which Awad received yesterday, was dated October 30 and signed by Yosef Tov, deputy-director of the population registry at the Interior Ministry. It informed Awad that his request for extension of his three-month tourist visa had been rejected

and that he must leave the country by November 20, when his current visa expires.

The Interior Ministry has already cancelled Awad's status as a Jerusalem resident on the grounds that his prolonged residence abroad and acquisition of foreign citizenship had nullified his status as a local resident. Awad was born in Jerusalem, but has spent some 15 years in the U.S., where he acquired citizenship.

Iraqis bomb Iran nuclear plant, 'crush' offensive

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Iraq said Iraqi warplanes raided a nuclear power plant in southern Iran yesterday. Iraq also claimed that its forces had crushed an overnight ground assault by Iranian troops in the central sector of the war front along their common border.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei called on his nation's forces to "capture the battlefields" and "not give the enemy any respite." The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, reported the air strike and accused Iraq of violating "international conventions" by attacking the unfinished nuclear plant in Bushehr, killing several employees.

In an apparent reference to the same raid, Iraq's official news agency said Iraqi jets carried out "destructive strikes" on a "chemical production complex" in the Iranian

port of Bushehr.

It was believed to be at least the fifth Iraqi air strike since March 1984 on the 1,200-megawatt plant, which had been under construction by a German firm for several years before the Islamic fundamentalist revolution took power in Teheran in 1979 and closed it down.

The Iranians said last year that they had moved "fissionable material" into the plant, warning that further bombings by the Iraqis could result in "the same radiological consequences as at Chernobyl."

Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna said earlier that they did not know whether the Iranian claim of fissionable material in the plant was true, because no on-site inspection had been made.

The plant is 60 kilometres inland from Bushehr.

"In a telegram sent to the commander of the Iraqi Air Force, President Saddam Hussein said he had received with great pleasure" the news of the raid, the Iraqi news agency said. It also quoted a war communique as saying Iraqi warplanes destroyed a Hawk surface-to-air missile battery on Iran's key Kharg Island oil terminal.

The Baghdad agency said, meanwhile, that Iraqi military forces had repulsed a "reckless attempt" by Iran to seize a foothold along the central part of the 1,180-kilometre frontier. It said the Iranians had launched an assault backed by tanks, but a "massive barrage of fire" had left "corpses littering the battlefield." Iran did not comment on the Iraqi report.

Iraq's forces were reported to have gone on maximum alert last

Thursday in preparation for a major Iranian offensive, and Khamenei said over the weekend that "a new movement is going to occur on the war front" soon.

U.S. intelligence sources in Washington say they have seen no evidence of a troop or supply buildup that would indicate a major offensive is imminent, however.

The 401,382-ton Bridgeton sailed out of the southern Gulf port of Dubai to link up with the 18th convoy of U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tankers heading for the Strait of Hormuz.

The Bridgeton, the world's sixth largest tanker, was holed by an Iranian mine last July 24 on the first upbound convoy to Kuwait, and had made only one return trip with a partial load of crude before it entered the Dubai shipyard for repairs on September 14.

Lyon paper reveals French arms sales to Iran in 1982-6

LYON (AFP). — French military aircraft, piloted by Air Force personnel, delivered French arms and munitions to Teheran from 1982 to 1986, the newspaper *Lyon-figaro* reported here yesterday.

Quoting a local military source who said he took part in arms-loading operations, the newspaper published what it said was a photocopy of a "manifest or loading declaration" dated February 14, 1986 concerning the delivery of nine tons of "arms and munitions" to Teheran.

The document showed the exporter of the load to be the Manurhin Company and that the plane had been loaded at a base in Strasbourg, eastern France, and had scheduled

stopovers at Istres in the south, Soanenara in Corsica, and Ankara.

Lyon-figaro said it possessed three loading manifests indicating deliveries of material to Iran, dated between February 1982 and March 1986.

The newspaper's informant, whose identity was not revealed, said that "around 20 night flights" left a military air base in Strasbourg over the four-year period. Other bases, he said, might have been used for similar operations, citing bases at Istres and Orleans, central France. He said cases were marked "arms and munitions," and contained rocket launchers.

The newspaper also quoted a de-

tail by Jean-Pol Philouze, the managing director of Manurhin, now called Matra-Manurhin-Defence, who said the company had had "no contact with Iran."

"We sell material to Iraq, as we are allowed to do. Obviously we have no contact with Iran."

He said his company manufactured a disposable anti-tank rocket-launcher system called Apilas, which had been ordered by the French Army in 1983 and sold abroad since 1986 only.

Lyon-figaro is a regional supplement of the newspaper *Figaro*, owned by conservative politician Robert Hersant. Earlier this month, several conservative publications ac-

cused the 1981-86 Socialist administration of having approved the sale of half a million artillery shells to Iran from 1983 to 1986, covered up the trade and raked off some of the profits for Socialist Party coffers.

The party has denied this, and on Monday, President Francois Mitterrand, a Socialist, repeated the denial. He acknowledged, however, that he had been informed of arms sales to Iran in 1984, but stressed that he had relayed the information to then defence minister Charles Hernu. Mitterrand said that immediately after his election in May 1981, he had instructed the Defence Ministry not to allow sales of French arms to Iran.

'Waldheim's OK as long as he didn't strangle six Jews with his own hands'

More anti-Semitic remarks from Vienna

VIENNA (AP). — Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and Vienna's Jews yesterday protested remarks by a senior conservative politician that there is no problem with the past of President Kurt Waldheim "so long as it's not proved that he strangled six Jews with his own hands."

Michael Graff, the general secretary of the Austrian People's Party, the conservative party in the coalition government, confirmed that he had made the remark, which was published in the current edition of the French news weekly *L'Express*.

He later said he was aware of the Jews' suffering during the Holocaust and said he was wrong to have made the remark.

Graff's remark drew widespread protests, with the small Green Party demanding his resignation.

Vranitzky, a socialist, said in a

statement that Graff's words went beyond any allowances one could make for emotions or excitement when discussing the Waldheim controversy. He called on Foreign Minister and Deputy Chancellor Alois Mock, who heads the People's Party, to insist that Graff produce an apology or some kind of corrective statement. Mock said he was "upset and unhappy about the very coarse expression" used by Graff, but rejected suggestions the general secretary resign.

Wiesenthal sent Graff a telegram in the name of all Jews persecuted by the Nazi regime saying that his statement "is an insult to the human dignity of Jews and is felt by everybody who had to suffer during the Nazi time as a personal injury and insult."

'Controversy over Waldheim's World War II past erupted in March

1986 when the Austrian news magazine *Profil*, the *New York Times* and the *World Jewish Congress* published documents saying Waldheim served in the German army in the Balkans in the early 1940s. Waldheim's past is currently under investigation by a team of six military historians headed by Swiss historian Hans Rudolf Künzli including members from West Germany, Britain, Israel, Belgium and the U.S.

The storm of protest surrounding Graff's statement recalled a similar controversy that erupted in May when the deputy mayor of Linz, Carl Hoell, wrote a letter to WJC Chairman Edgar Bronfman comparing Bronfman's criticism of Waldheim to attacks by Jews on Jesus.

Hoell, who is also a member of the People's Party, has retained his office and was not publicly disciplined by his party.

Nurse admits to fatal injections

HAUPPAUGE, New York (AFP).

A registered nurse admitted on Monday that he gave fatal injections to hospital patients in order to revive them so he would look like a hero, prosecutors said yesterday.

"He wanted to be a hero and experiment with drugs on poor souls in the hospital," said Suffolk County District Attorney Patrick Henry.

Richard Angelo, 25, was arraigned on one count of first-degree assault and is being held without bail while a grand jury investigates at least 10 deaths that may be linked to the nurse. Angelo told authorities that from September through mid-October, he injected one or two patients at the Good Samaritan Hospital with either pavulon or anesthetic through their IV tubes.

The drugs induced a respiratory arrest, and Angelo would attempt to "save" the patient with emergency equipment, Henry said.

"He wanted to prove to himself that he could revive the people, and he wanted to show other people that he was good," said Assistant District Attorney Edward Jablonski.



Melodie Nakachian in a photo released by her kidnappers showing her holding a local Spanish newspaper printed yesterday to show that she was still alive. (Reuters)

Desperate father offers to kill self to save kidnapped daughter

ESTEPONA, Spain (AFP).

Five-year-old kidnap victim Melodie Nakachian appealed to her father to pay a \$13 million ransom for her release in a tape sent by kidnappers to her parents and broadcast on Spanish national radio yesterday.

The deadline set for payment by her abductors.

"Daddy, if you don't pay, I'll be dead soon," said Melodie in a faint voice on the tape. She added that her kidnappers had stopped feeding her. "Daddy, I love you, I want to see you," she concluded.

Melodie, the daughter of Lebanese millionaire Raymond Nakachian and South Korean rock singer Princess Kimera, was abducted by four masked men on her way to school on November 9. They set November 17 as the deadline for the payment of the ransom "or else something unpleasant might happen."

Earlier in the day, her father offered to exchange his own life for her release. Speaking to reporters

outside his villa at this Costa del Sol resort, Nakachian said he was prepared to kill himself before television cameras "so that they [the kidnappers] see my body." Nakachian, 55, broke down as he talked.

Holding a lock of Melodie's hair which had been sent by the kidnappers along with a photograph of the child, he said: "I can do nothing, there's no solution... Who has \$13 million? I'm not a Getty or Khashoggi... my wife sings to earn money," he said. If Melodie's kidnappers "are men and not animals, let them talk to me and kill me if they wish... If I had all those millions I would pay them, I would even give my life," he added.

The Madrid daily *El Pais* quoted Nakachian yesterday as saying that he only had \$1 million in cash. The businessman, who is reported as having had talks with Lebanese businessmen aimed at raising the ransom, said that he would refuse any further contacts or negotiations with the kidnappers.

Two Syrians killed in Beirut

BEIRUT. — Heavily armed Syrian troops fanned out across Moslem West Beirut yesterday in a hunt for gunmen who killed one of their comrades and wounded another, who later died, in a fresh blow to Damascus's military role in Lebanon.

The two soldiers were part of the 7,500-strong peacekeeping contingent deployed in West Beirut last February to curb the reign of feuding militias. They were machine-gunned to death by assailants shooting from a speeding car, police said. It was the second such attack since October 22, when gunmen, also shooting from a speeding car, killed two Syrian soldiers in West Beirut's seaside Raouche district.

That attack prompted two days of house raids in which Syrian troops rounded up more than 100 suspects for questioning. Most of them have since been freed.

Yesterday's shooting occurred in the middle-class Zokak el-Balat neighbourhood at 11 a.m.

Police said the attackers, riding in a white Peugeot, sprayed the two Syrians who were walking toward a nearby Syrian army checkpoint, with submachine gun fire and then sped away.

One private died instantly and the other died on the way to the American University Hospital, a police statement said.

The attack occurred despite stepped-up Syrian security after two bloody bombings in West Beirut left 13 people killed and 110 wounded last week.

There have been more than 100 bombings in West Beirut since the Syrian deployment.

No group has claimed responsibility for any of the bombings, which Lebanese police say were aimed at discrediting Syria's law-enforcing effort in the Moslem sector of the Lebanese capital. (AP, Reuters)

Cairo seeking \$1.5b. to help repay U.S. debt

RIYADH. — The Egyptian government is seeking a loan of \$1.5 billion from the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council to help repay its military debt to the U.S., a Saudi magazine has reported.

The magazine, *Al-Yamma*, said some of the funds would be earmarked to meet a \$700 million repayment instalment due this month. It said the loan would also be used by Egypt to finance projects outlined in the country's second five-year plan.

Four of the GCC members — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates — have just re-established formal diplomatic relations with Egypt, which they had broken off in protest against the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. (AFP, Reuters)



Schwamberger photographed after his arrest. (AFP)

Schwamberger admits to being former officer in SS regiment

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — A 75-year-old German immigrant arrested by Argentine police last week admitted to a judge on Monday that he had served the Nazi extermination machine, court sources said yesterday.

Josef Schwamberger admitted that he was the former officer in Hitler's SS regiment accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their deaths at Auschwitz during World War II, the sources said.

According to authorities, Schwamberger was arrested last Friday in the province of Cordoba, where he was living on a farm.

He was questioned for two hours on Monday by Federal Judge Vicente Brelat in the city of La Plata, 60 km. south of the capital. Schwamberger was then returned to jail to await Argentina's decision on a West German request for his extradition to stand trial for war crimes.

Press reports said Schwamberger has been sought for 40 years, since he escaped from an Austrian jail at the end of the war.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre, which is dedicated to bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, last month listed Schwamberger as one of its 10 most wanted men.

IN BRIEF

enough fat to hibernate, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said yesterday. Another reason they have become more than usually menacing in the eastern Soviet province of Khabarovsk is that the hunting of bears has become less popular. Bears were now attacking people close to built-up districts as well as in remote areas.

INDIA AND CHINA, which fought a border war in 1962, ended three days of talks in New Delhi on their differences, and an Indian spokesman said yesterday that "an atmosphere" had been created in which to reach an agreement. Chinese vice foreign minister, Liu Shuqing, ended talks with Indian Foreign Secre-

tary K.P.S. Menon and was later scheduled to meet Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi before flying home.

FIFTEEN SOLDIERS and police from a special counter-insurgency course were killed yesterday when their truck crashed on a rain-slick road some 60 kilometres north of Manila. The accident brought to 26 the number of Philippine troops and police killed in transport accidents since Saturday.

TENS OF THOUSANDS of retired Italians caused chaos in central Rome yesterday as they demonstrated against the government's 1988 budget plans for old people. Demonstration organizers said 200,000 people had come from across the country to take part in the protest, causing huge traffic jams.

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עיתון לאנשים חושבים

53-year-old MS victim asks to be put out of misery

High Court to hear euthanasia plea

By BERNARD JOSEPHS and JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The tragedy of a 53-year-old man who is pleading to be allowed to die rather than endure the agony of his terminal illness will today present the Knesset and the High Court with a historic dilemma.

MK Shulamit Aloni is to table a bill which, if it is passed into law, will effectively legalize euthanasia in certain circumstances. And the lawyer for the patient is to present a petition to the High Court asking the justices to grant the man's appeal to be put out of his misery.

Last night a debate was raging in medical and legal circles over the case of Gideon Nakash, who is hopelessly ill with multiple sclerosis at Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital.

For the past four months Nakash's condition has steadily worsened, and today he is completely

paralyzed and in constant pain. His wife, Dina, said that he is able to move only his eyelids and has no chance of survival.

"I just want him to be allowed death with dignity," she told reporters. "I want him to have an injection that will end all his suffering."

Dina Nakash said her husband was able to communicate by signaling with his eyes as he looks at the alphabet. In this way he told her: "Please let me die," she said.

The Nakash case has sparked arguments for and against mercy killing. Aloni said that she would table her bill, entitled Death with Dignity, and that she believed several MKs would support it. "Instead of allowing people like Nakash to stay alive until they choke to death, doctors should be able to give an injection so that he has a dignified end," she said.

Aloni stressed that her bill contains safeguards. It says that al-

though mercy killing is illegal it should be allowed under specific circumstances. These were that the act should be carried out at the request of the patient and with the knowledge of the patient's family, and that two doctors should be present, one of whom must not be in any way connected with the patient.

Itzhak Hoshen, a lawyer for the Nakash family and head of the Society for Euthanasia, said that he plans to present a petition to the High Court of Justice as soon as possible. He said his client was being "forced to live against his will."

And he went on: "I will ask the court to allow doctors to give him a sufficient dose of sedative to end his pain and to turn off the respiratory equipment."

"Mr. Nakash's only wish is to die, and that is a basic right which he should, in the circumstances, be granted."

A different view was expressed by

Dr. Moshe Mashiah, head of the Health Ministry's hospitalization services. The services opposed mercy killing and would not support the Nakash application to the High Court, he said.

Dr. Ram Ishai, head of the Israel Medical Association, said he understands the family's agony and sympathizes. But he went on: "There is a big difference between the situation in which a person is more or less dead and it is decided not to take extraordinary steps to keep him clinically alive, and cases such as this one in which a man is totally alive so far as his brain is concerned."

"I don't think a doctor can carry out the act of ending his life. It would be totally unethical and could start us on a very slippery slope towards the approach of Plato, who taught that cripples should not be kept alive because they are a social and economic burden."

Nissim sticks to guns in TV strike

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

"I'm not going to be humiliated by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim," one striking Israel Broadcasting Authority journalist said yesterday. But it seems that Nissim is unmoved by such rhetoric or by the six-week shutdown of Israel Television and Radio.

At present, the Treasury is examining the journalists' offer to go to arbitration, but its officials are adamant about not going above the NIS75 awarded to other public sector employees.

Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday called on Nissim and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, who bears ministerial responsibility for the IBA, to take the dispute to the Institute for Agreed Arbitration. In a letter to the two, Ya'acobi pointed out that the state controller in his last report recommended that procedure for solving disputes in the IBA.

But the Treasury fears that going to arbitration could set a precedent for other public sector disputes, a fear that was also voiced yesterday by Navon. The education minister added that the journalists' call for arbitration was unrealistic, and he urged continued negotiations and a speedy end to the strike. National Journalists' Association lawyer Haim Benenson maintained, however, that the 1957 law for settling labour disputes does not give the Treasury or the IBA the option to turn down the journalists' offer. He said the journalists would turn to the labour court to force such arbitration on their employers if their demands were turned down.

The journalists say they have not been broken by the protracted strike, but freely admit to being worried about their financial situation. IBA management thinks that when the journalists "receive" their non-existent November salaries there will be pressure from the rank-and-file to return to work.

This is hotly denied by the strikers, who point out that many journalists are finding part-time work to help make ends meet.

One journalist, with 21 years' experience at the radio, said yesterday that if, as the outcome of the strike, good terms are offered for early retirement, "I'll take it."

He added that the politicians, especially on the right, were short-sighted if they thought they were teaching the journalists a lesson and getting their own back for what they perceived as the journalists' "left-wing bias."

"They've hit at a vital instinct of democracy," he said. "We just reflect what's going on, the riots in the territories are still going on without us.... Do they really want television news like Jordan, with five minutes' adulation of King Hussein at the beginning?"

Channel Two, meanwhile, is feeling the pressure of the strike. Ben-Ami Gov. director-general of the Communications Ministry, said last night that "it's a struggle to find programmes." The channel's broadcast schedule at present only goes up to the weekend.

Navon yesterday, for different reasons, ruled out extending Channel Two broadcasts for the duration of the strike. He said such a move would be strike-breaking and hence unacceptable.

Communist MKs say after seeing Arafat

Mideast peace parley could end PLO terror

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The PLO will consider a cessation of hostilities against Israel when Israel makes a move towards peace, that is agrees to the kind of international peace conference the PLO wants, MKs Meir Wilner and Tawfik Toubi said at a press conference here yesterday.

The two recently met with Yasser Arafat and other PLO leaders in Moscow. "but both sides agreed not to publish the joint communiqué until November 18, which is why we didn't reveal anything until now," said Wilner, who is secretary-general of the (Communist) Democratic Front for Peace and Equality.

The essence of the joint communiqué is that peace should be based on Israel's withdrawal to the June 1967 borders and that the territories should become a Palestinian state. The road to peace, both sides agreed, is via an international peace conference under UN auspices with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council and all the nations in the area, including Israel and the PLO.

"Can you imagine the Israeli government saying that Israel and the PLO should participate? That would be *de facto* recognition of the PLO, so if they are willing to include Israel in a joint communiqué, that is *de facto* recognition of Israel," Wilner said.

Toubi said that those who see the recent Amman summit as a sign that

the Arab world is willing to neglect the Palestinians are living on illusions. "So are those who think Mr. Peres and King Hussein can collude to destroy the Palestinians as a people. You may have noticed that when Secretary of State Shultz was here and wanted to meet with moderate Palestinians they wouldn't talk to him but told him to go talk to the PLO."

One reporter asked whether it wouldn't be in poor taste if someone like Ezer Weizman met with Arafat while Defence Minister Rabin continued to beat the residents mercilessly in the territories.

Wilner replied that he hadn't heard that Weizman or any other minister was ready to meet with Arafat; he said he knew nothing about a letter his party had reportedly passed on to the PLO or to the Kremlin requesting a meeting in Moscow between Labour representatives and the PLO.

"If any minister did want to meet with Arafat, I would consider it an important step forward," he said. "I'm glad we no longer have a monopoly on dialogue with the PLO. The Zionist opposition parties, and even some sources in the Labour Party, are beginning to move in that direction and it proves that our efforts have not been in vain."

"The PLO is stretching out a hand toward peace and if we take that hand instead of slapping it we will be serving Israel's own best interests," Wilner said.

Assaf Harofe off limits to expectant moms

Post Science and Health Reporter

The Health Ministry asked women due to give birth yesterday and today at Assaf Harofe government hospital in Tzrifin to go to other hospitals in the area, as a "population explosion" has made it impossible to accommodate any more expectant mothers.

The ministry recommended that women go to Kaplan in Rehovot, Wolfson and Beilinson in Petah Tikva, Hakeira in Tel Aviv and Sheba at Tel Hashomer. It did not say how many births have taken place in recent days at Assaf Harofe, but it noted that "even the corridors are full of beds."

Hadassah marks 70th anniversary here

Jerusalem Post Staff

Over 400 delegates of Hadassah-Wizo are in Israel to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their organization. Meetings have been arranged for them with President Herzog, Mayors Teddy Kollek and Shlomo Lahat, and former refusenik Ida Nudel.

One of the highlights of the week-long mission will be the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Hadassah, the Canadian Hadassah-Wizo youth

village. The mission will also dedicate some of Hadassah-Wizo's latest projects. These include a new sports centre for the Hofim Youth Aliya residential school (now the home for a few hundred Ethiopian youngsters); a new medical diagnostic imaging centre at Assaf Harofe hospital; and a residential complex in Jerusalem — an extension of Prof. Reuven Feuerstein's research centre.

Jerusalem gets new arts centre

By MEIR RONNEN
Post Art Editor

A new centre for the Visual Arts is to be inaugurated in Jerusalem this afternoon, in the presence of the donor, Francis K. Lloyd of New York.

Endowed by the Lloyd family, the centre, created by the Jerusalem Foundation, will host prominent and promising artists from here and abroad. It adjoins the Palumbo Museum on Mt. Zion, and will be managed by the foundation. The senior curator of the Israel Museum, Yona Fischer, has been named artistic director.

Today's ceremony marks the opening of the renovated two-storey stone building built over a century ago. One floor will function as a large studio. Visiting curators and critics will continue to be hosted at the Mishkenot Shaananim cultural centre and guesthouse across the valley in Yemin Moshe.

Hungary to televise film on Hanukka

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

An Israeli animated film about Hanukka called *Lights* will be shown on Hungarian state television next year, the director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Jerry Hochbaum has disclosed.

He said the film's major themes are the fight against assimilation and the resistance of the spirit to all forms of coercion.

The foundation financed the preparation of a sound-track in Hungarian.

Tsur challenges new rules on 'olim' doctors

The Absorption Ministry will try to block approval of new regulations on licences for immigrant doctors prepared by the Health Ministry, when they come up for discussion in the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee.

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur said yesterday that these regulations, which would require immigrant doctors to pass examinations in order to receive a licence to practise, would seriously harm efforts to absorb doctors from Romania, the Soviet Union and South America.

Tsur has proposed that, where necessary, immigrant doctors take courses here to supplement their training, and that doctors with at least four years' experience could receive their licence without such supplementary courses.

PARTNERS. — Na'amat Secretary-General Masha Lubelsky yesterday warred to Avraham Shapira, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, demanding a change in the law to allow the common law wife of a judge, MK, or other public official to receive her deceased partner's pension.



FINAL SPLASH. — Bathers in Tel Aviv take advantage of the warmest day since mid-August yesterday. The summer-like weather was due to what meteorologists described as a "Red Sea trough," with warm, dry air blowing in from the south. Today will be cloudy and pleasant with a rise in humidity. Rain is expected in the North by Thursday night or Friday morning. On Shabbat, the country can expect rain in "significant quantities," according to the weatherman. (Guttman)

Jet-lag leaves you up at all hours

Strike-bound listener rides the radio waves

By HELGA DUDMAN

This has not been the first radio strike I've been through, and it's not likely to be the last. It's the first time, though, that such a strike has coincided with an exceptionally fine personal jet-lag following re-entry from abroad.

Not that I returned all that thirsty for in-depth news. One of the pleasures of *hutz la'aretz*, as many travellers have noted, is the absence of long accounts about problems in Israel.

Oh, now and then a bit of tension in the territories on page 32 in a newspaper; but in America, for instance, the Middle East can't hold a candle to the Latin American debacles. The only page one story from Israel in the *San Francisco Chronicle* had fun with the visit of Italy's parliament member.

And then I was back — befuddled, falling asleep after breakfast, bright as a chipmunk at 3 a.m.

Earlier radio strikes have found me relatively vigorous, attentively switching stations on the dial, and at least registering, if not understanding, the chaotic input — that huge range of Arab neighbours; American and English news from here and there; and cropping out from the static, a babble of mysterious languages (Coptic? Moravian dialect? Flemish?) sending who knows what messages.

Unlugged, I was never bothered by these galactic goings-on. On the contrary, the silence of everything local except Army Radio, pushing as it did all energetic radio-listeners out into the mad blue yonder, seemed a valuable reminder of how full the air is of an infinite number of things we will never know about.

But this time — wham! What is the weakened drift going to make as he goes, in a second, from the Voice of Hope in Lebanon, with its indefatigable uplift, right over to Progress and Peace from Moscow, in Hebrew? The latter's theme song is easily recognizable — an old Red Army Chorus number. But look at the positive aspect: all this post-jet hurdling comes without a single commercial.

And we're off to the Voice of America, with an item on buffalo meat, followed by a story from its man in Switzerland on sunspots, and — flick — the BBC, with a children's story by a listener in New Zealand. (The VOA's Washington broadcaster, by the way, makes more mistakes as he reads the news than ours ever have, on any channel.)

But it's not all Anglo-Saxon and Arabic. Here's a boy-girl news duet in French, from Radio Monte Carlo.

And here's the Paganini Concerto. But from where? Radio Andorra? We'll never know, because it's suddenly consumed by an Arab station coming in from a millimetre away on the dial and engulfing Paganini with lugubrious martial thumps. And here, just a smidge to the left, is another Arabic station, possibly at war with the first.

For cosmetic certainty, one returns to Lebanon, from where it's no trouble at all to be in the Beverly Hills home of Pat Boone, for the Best of Contemporary Christian Music.

Being adrift among the short waves is even more of a mental boggle. They're so close together, the confusion is so finely calibrated, that not even a safe-cracker's sensitive fingers could keep the hoots and whispers and electronic beeps separate from the occasional Arabic heavy breathing and the station calls — Papa, Charlie, Delta, Two, for instance, repeated by a woman with the patience of a saint.

Army Radio, remorselessly didactic early in the morning, when the jet-lagger is at his peppiest, sends out University-of-the-Air lectures on astronomy and philosophy and Hebrew poetry. The Army's music is hardly the Voice of Music; and the Voice of Peace's nightly ration of classical music, though generous, is a mere appeaser. But here's Alex Ansky, cheerful as ever: as though he weren't just a whisker away from a fundamentalist station going boom, boom, boom.

Which reminds me. (And how

welcome, for the sake of continuity in life, is any recollection of what the noises were like before I left.)

Yes, it has to do with boom, boom, boom. Our radio was still on then, but so were those atrocious disco boats on the mystic waters of Lake Kinneret. And around midnight, we usually heard a song that went "Boom, boom, boom/Let's go back to my room/Boom, boom, boom, something something again."

Was it Reshet Gimel? Radio Jordan trying to indicate its Western orientation? Or those unspeakable disco boats?

I bring this up to indicate that uncertainty about sources is always with us. So just sidestep the difficulty and listen to what may be a news broadcast, and may be in Finnish, Turkish, or Hungarian.

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Reconciliation and consensus

Bruce Maddy-Weitzman looks at how the major Arab participants fared at the recently-concluded Amman summit

IT WAS PERHAPS fitting that the 10th anniversary of Sadat's peace initiative coincided with the just-concluded summit of Arab leaders in Amman. After all, Egypt's departure in 1977 from the Arab consensus on Arab-Israeli issues had sent profound shock-waves through Arab ranks.

More shocks followed on its heels: the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; the disintegration of the Lebanese state; the decline in oil prices; and, most importantly, the Iranian-Iraqi war, in which Syria and Libya committed the cardinal sin of supporting non-Arab Iran in its war with fellow-Arab League member Iraq.

The cumulative result was an unprecedented degree of fragmentation, disarray and sense of weakness within the Arab system. Last week's gathering in Amman was billed by its Jordanian hosts as the summit of "reconciliation and consensus." It was, at bottom, an attempt to alter what has been for the Arab world a profoundly depressing course of events. To what extent did it succeed in doing so?

TO ANSWER that question, one must first account for developments which led to the summit's convening. The last full-scale Arab summit was held five years ago, in Fez, Morocco.

Since then, Syria and Libya, with the support of South Yemen, factions of the PLO and occasionally Algeria, had succeeded in blocking attempts by a majority of Arab states — whose leading members included Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — to formulate collective policies towards the Gulf war, the Arab-Israeli conflict,

Lebanon, and Egypt's proper place in the Arab system.

Two years ago, Morocco's King Hassan attempted to break the deadlock, only to see his emergency Casablanca summit boycotted by the Syrian-led grouping.

Much of the inter-Arab coming and goings during the two years since Casablanca centred on a Jordanian-led effort to reconcile the Arab world's bitterest split — that between Syria and Iraq.

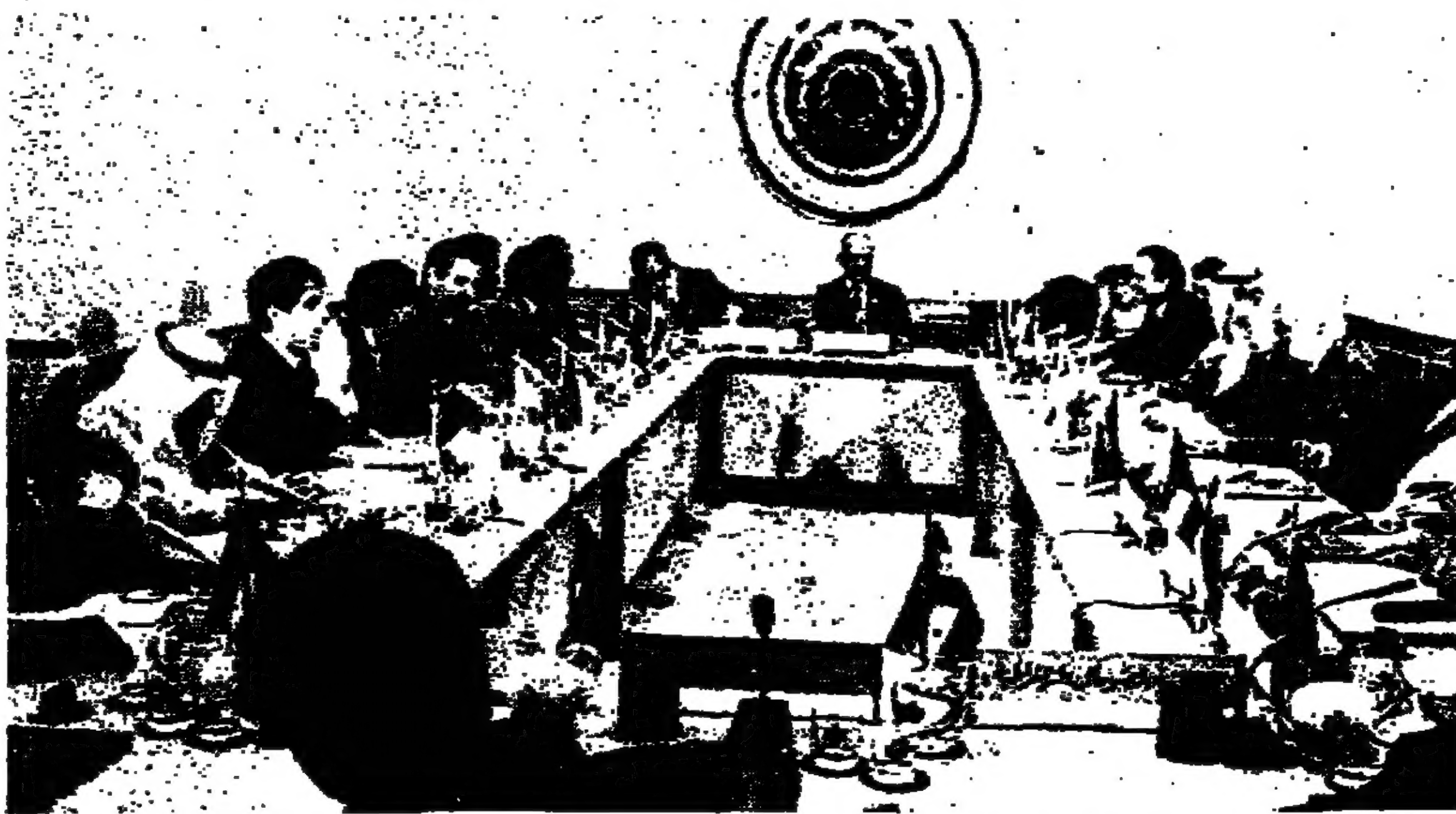
Success, went Jordanian thinking, would draw Syria away from its backing of Iran and pave the way for a successful, full-scale summit.

Two events during the first half of 1987 worked in favour of the summit's proponents — the steadily escalating crisis in the Gulf, and Syria's teetering economy.

Thus, with Syria both increasingly uncomfortable with Arab recriminations over its support of Iran and more than ever in need of Gulf-Arab financial aid, the Arab majority grouping adopted King Hussein's proposal that he host an emergency summit.

Indeed, Syria's quick agreement to attend seemed to justify the decision. However, this was not to be an exercise in Syrian kowtowing to the Arab majority. Rather, as in all summits, the results at Amman would reflect the delicate system of checks and balances underpinning the inter-Arab web, in which decisive victories and/or defeats are rare occurrences.

How, then, did the major Arab players fare?



Jordan's King Hussein chairs an Arab League heads of state meeting in Amman last week. (AFP)

SYRIA: The very decision to participate indicated that Syria felt it necessary to demonstrate at least tactical flexibility in the face of Arab criticism. Damascus used its presence in Amman to good purpose, successfully lobbying to de-fang the

summit's resolution on the Gulf war. It made no mention either of imposing sanctions or collectively breaking off diplomatic relations with Iran.

It could now prove again to its Iranian ally that Iranian financial aid

paid handsome dividends. President Assad was also reported to have left Amman with renewed pledges of Arab financial support, although its extent is probably conditional on Syria's future behaviour.

To achieve this, Syria was com-

pelled to make concessions on a number of issues. It adhered to the summit's sharp condemnation of Iran's occupation of Iraqi territory; its refusal to abide by a UN Security Council cease-fire call; its attacks against Kuwait; and its instigation of violence in Mecca during the pilgrimage.

Also, Assad swallowed hard in consenting to turn over a new leaf in Syria's relations with Iraq. Just what this means is not clear: even the cessation of their mutual propaganda warfare may be too much to expect.

He swallowed even harder when the summit resolved that the decision to restore diplomatic relations with Egypt was the prerogative of each separate state. The Syrians could take some comfort that Egypt's suspension from the Arab League remained, for the time being, in force. However, the weakening of the collective Arab position towards Egypt's peace with Israel surely does not sit well with Assad.

IRAQ: President Saddam Hussein threatened to walk out of the summit after the first day, on the grounds that Iraq was not receiving sufficient backing. The lack of operative steps against Iran is certainly a disappointment. The degree to which Syria fulfils its pledge to improve ties with Iraq (and, by Iraq's definition, to cool Syria's ties with Iran) will determine the ultimate Iraqi view of the summit.

EGYPT: For Cairo, the summit was

another milestone on the road back to legitimacy and pre-eminence in Arab affairs, without abandoning its peace treaty with Israel.

It was no coincidence that it happened at a summit devoted mainly to the Gulf war. Through the shipment of military aid and close to two million Egyptian workers (both skilled and unskilled) to Iraq, Egypt has played an important role in preventing an Iranian victory. This role is well understood by the Gulf principalities, particularly Kuwait.

Whether Egypt would move beyond the realm of a military advisory role and actually commit combat troops to defend the Gulf states is something that perhaps even Cairo itself is not yet sure of. In any event, seven states including Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and the Gulf principalities have already restored full diplomatic ties with Egypt.

JORDAN: The summit was a triumph for King Hussein. In historical terms, it marked the culmination of Jordan's tireless efforts over the last two decades to win nationwide legitimacy for the ruling Hashemite house after years of pariah status.

The irony of a Hashemite monarch (the supreme "reactionary," in Arab leftist parlance) diligently working for a rapprochement between Saddam Hussein and Assad (the two claimants to the Ba'ath Party's self-styled revolutionary mantle) illustrates anew the ultimate irrelevance of ideological factors in Arab politics.

Regarding Arab-Israeli issues, Hussein's status remained essentially the same: a degree of maneuvering room within the framework of an international conference, as long as the PLO is present as well.

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Summit disappoints Palestinians

By JOEL GREENBERG

THE ARAB summit in Amman, which focused on the Iran-Iraq war and put the Arab-Israeli conflict on the back-burner, brought little satisfaction to Palestinians in the territories.

Palestinians of all political persuasions, both PLO supporters and backers of Jordan, agree that the summit failed to produce a new formula to promote their cause and simply reiterated certain Palestinian demands: an international Middle East peace conference with PLO participation, recovery of occupied Arab lands, and realization of Palestinian national rights.

The resolutions on the Palestinian issue, in a concession to Jordan, did not call for an independent Palestinian state demanded by the PLO. King Hussein made clear that the summit resolution on equal PLO participation in an international conference did not mean that he had dropped the idea of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. He said cooperation with the PLO could only continue on the basis of UN resolution 242, which the organization rejects.

The king gave a cold reception to Yasser Arafat at the summit: he did not greet him at Amman airport or at his hotel, and the Jordanian media deliberately limited coverage of Arafat and the PLO delegation. Only when Arafat boycotted a dinner party given by Hussein, did the king hold a reconciliation meeting with the PLO leader.

In short, the summit did not provide much cheer for Palestinians in the territories, especially those supporting the PLO. The widespread unrest and pro-PLO demonstrations expected by Israeli security officials — and probably hoped for by the PLO leadership — failed to materialize. "The Summit of Reconciliation and Agreement," as it was dubbed in Jordan, had the opposite effect in the territories: it sharpened the recriminations and rivalry between the pro-Jordanian and pro-PLO camps.

Supporters of Jordan, buoyed by King Hussein's enhanced status as summit host and pan-Arab peace-maker, launched a public campaign of support for the conference and the king's policies.

The campaign was carried out mainly through the East Jerusalem *An-Nahar* daily, which published full pages of signatures to a carefully-worded petition echoing the principles of Jordan's policy and its now defunct accord with the PLO. The petition called for a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation and affirmed "the unity of the two banks" of the Jordan, but also asserted that the PLO was "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people" and a "national Palestinian symbol." Thousands of signatures of individuals, institutions, and municipalities were collected by teams working in West Bank villages and towns. Israeli security sources said the pro-Jordanian camp was reasserting itself in unprecedented ways and with new-found strength.

Jordan television broadcast interviews with Palestinians from the territories who expressed their support for the summit, and copies of *An-Nahar* were distributed to journalists in Amman.

The pro-Jordanian offensive appeared to have caught the pro-PLO camp by surprise, but this camp soon launched a strong counter-attack, designed to discredit pro-Jordanian opinion as unrepresentative and false.

IN AN unprecedented "press war," both pro-PLO papers in East Jerusalem, *Al-Fajr* and *A-Sha'ab*, published news items reporting denials by Palestinians that they had signed the *An-Nahar* petition. The papers reported that they had been deluged by phone calls from outraged Palestinians who said that their names had been used without their knowledge. Other reports charged that many of the names were either forged, repeated, belonged to deceased and mentally ill persons, or to children.

Both papers published a pro-PLO petition, with signatures in a format similar to that displayed by *An-Nahar*. The petition affirmed the Palestinians' right to return, self-determination, and establishment of an independent state, under the leadership of the PLO, led by Arafat. *Al-Fajr* prominently reprinted the results of its public opinion poll in the territories, which showed overwhelming support for the PLO and Arafat's leadership, and hardly any backing for King Hussein. (The distribution of both papers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was banned this week, officially on grounds of censorship violations.)

The king's slighting of Arafat at the summit — which paralleled the Jordanian public relations offensive against PLO supporters in the territories — fuelled the fires of debate, and caused headline PLO opinion to turn against the summit and its decisions. In addition, the summit's relative lack of interest in the Palestinian issue created pessimism about its results.

The summit decisions on the Palestinian issue were not completely satisfactory, but they were what Arab leaders could agree on, deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Natshe said lamely. "The PLO did not achieve anything, except the reaffirmation of its role as a partner in the international conference, which was a fact before the summit," said Radwan Abu-Ayash, head of the Arab Journalists Association. He added that there seemed to be little indication that the summit had moved Jordan towards renewing its political coordination with the PLO.

In their editorials, both *Al-Fajr* and *A-Sha'ab* said the results of the extraordinary summit were in fact quite ordinary, and that the final "solidarity resolution" would only be viable if followed by effective action. *A-Sha'ab*, which had strongly attacked Hussein's treatment of Arafat, went further. The summit's "watered-down outcome demonstrated the weakness prevailing in the Arab world, and failed to fulfill the hopes pinned on it," the paper asserted.

The grim view of the summit's results, and the scepticism of the Arab leaders' abilities to overcome their differences reflected fresh Palestinian disenchantment with the Arab world, already viewed by many Palestinians as impotent and unable to rescue them from their predicament.

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Exit Habib Bourguiba, 'Combatant Supreme', tyrant of Tunisia

By NIGEL HAWKES
TUNISIA today is like a family long dominated by a cantankerous relative which has finally plucked up the courage to put him in an institution.

The principal feeling is relief: but there is also regret that the old man didn't choose to go with more dignity and on his own feet. Habib Bourguiba, father of the nation, is today under house arrest in one of his many homes, at Mornagh, about 25 miles from Tunis.

The increasingly crazy rule of the 84-year-old president (some say 87) is at last openly acknowledged. His pictures have been stripped from the walls, re-runs of ancient and rambling addresses are no longer shown nightly on television, and his omnipresent and baleful influence is slowly receding.

The colour presses have been running red-hot to produce images of the new President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali, whose heavy features and prize-fighter's nose now glower down from every wall. The "Combatant Supreme," as Bourguiba likes to be called, has fought his last battle and lost: long live the new era of peace and pluralism.

Bourguiba's eccentricities finally became too much even for those who owed him everything. The man who once announced to a dumbfounded nation on live television that he had only one testicle, and who disciplined recalcitrant ministers by spitting in their faces, brought his 31-year rule to an end by demanding even more savage punishment for Islamic militants.

Already this year, some 2,000 members of the Islamic Tendency Movement (ITM) have been sent to jail, and two executed. But this was not enough for Bourguiba. Five ITM members convicted in their absence in a mass trial in September and subsequently captured were due to go on trial in person last Monday. Bourguiba demanded that to their number be added other ITM members who in his view had been treated too leniently in the earlier trial.

He called in his prime minister, Ben Ali, and insisted that at least 30 militants should be "tried, convicted, and hanged by Wednesday." Ben Ali, though no softy, demurred.

At this point Bourguiba, whose attitude to his ministers lately resembled that of Zsa Zsa Gabor to her husbands, apparently decided to dispense with Ben Ali's services. He made ready to appoint a new prime minister, Mohamed Sayah, a respected figure who was then minister of education.

But Ben Ali got wind of the plan. His source may have been Bourguiba's niece, Saïda Sassi, the woman who has acted as companion to Bourguiba since he divorced his second wife and sent her into exile.

Ben Ali and some others decided to act. About 15 leading figures, including Sayah, were rounded up and placed under house arrest in a villa in Ariana, a Tunis suburb.



Habib Bourguiba in his more lucid days in 1976. (Gama)



Tunisia's new leader Zine el Abidine Ben Ali. (Reuters)

One Bourguiba loyalist was picked up at the airport trying to escape; another, much-disliked Minister of Transport Mansour Skhiri was hauled from his bed at the Sahara Palace Hotel in Nesta, where he had gone on official business.

The coup went magnificently well. By early in the morning of Saturday November 7 all but a handful of government ministers had agreed to make common cause with Ben Ali. The presidential palace was surrounded by armoured cars, seven doctors were found to declare Bourguiba incompetent — not a demanding medical judgment — and by 6.30 a.m. Ben Ali was on the radio announcing he was in charge. By the end of the day he was sworn in.

Ben Ali is 51, one of 12 children of a dock worker. A graduate in electronics, he studied at military schools in France and the U.S. before making a career in military security. After two spells as director-general of national security he became minister of the interior and just five weeks ago, prime minister. It is not a career that hints at strong liberal convictions, but Western dip-

lomatic sources here caution against hasty judgement.

Certainly his new government has made a good start, promising more liberal laws to govern the political parties and the press. Both are urgently needed. The ruling Destourian Socialist Party (PSD), founded by Bourguiba, has degenerated into little more than a clique whose function has been to organize "spontaneous" political demonstrations in support of the president in which all demonstrators arrive simultaneously by bus.

The press is wholly under the thumb of the PSD, and has dutifully performed the necessary somersault in the past week, publishing encomiums to Ben Ali that would make Narcissus blush.

The planned trial of the militants has been postponed, and new Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche has promised an examination of the convictions of political prisoners on a "case by case" basis. There will be no political trials of those held on the night of the coup, arrests which Baccouche described as a "prophylactic measure."

The Tunisian League for Human Rights, which performs many of the functions of a political opposition here, is prepared to give the government time. Khemais Chamari, its secretary-general, who was himself thrown in jail for three weeks in May, said he did not expect everything to change at once.

"We just hope the train is on the right rails at last," he said, "even if it may not be going as fast as we might wish." He called for an amnesty across the board for all those sentenced for purely political offences.

In economic terms, the government is not expected to diverge from the tough policies applied for the past year, which have earned the plaudits of the International Monetary Fund. No change is expected, either, in Tunisia's pro-western foreign policy, nor in its support for the emancipation of women, rare in the Arab world and one of Bourguiba's positive legacies. At a cabinet meeting last Thursday, ministers called for hard work and efficiency and agreed to reduce public holidays from 18 to 13 days a year.

Politically the government faces the problem of easing the pressure without blowing the lid off. There is a frustrated underclass, mostly aged under 25 and without work, which is passive but might yet be mobilized. It played no part in last week's stirring events and regards the political class here with contempt.

For Bourguiba there is nothing much left to look forward to but the grandiose family mausoleum he is building in his home town of Nonsatir. This majestic pile, with its gilded domes and marble courtyards, was begun 20 years ago but is still incomplete. Though he is apparently in secure control of power, Ben Ali will rest easier when the old man is safely inside it.

(Observer News Service)

TENNIS

Mansdorf advances

By DUDLEY KESSEL
Special to The Jerusalem Post
JOHANNESBURG. — Amos Mansdorf began the defence of his South African Open title in spirited fashion at the Ellis Park Stadium last night when he outlasted the talented local player Christo Steyn — and his nerves — to win his first round match last night 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

Not quite in tip top form, the Israeli champion was immediately broken by Steyn — whose lowly 268 ATP world singles ranking belies his true ability — in the second game. Mansdorf fought back immediately, however, and levelled the score at 2-2.

There were no more service breaks in the set although in the 11th game Mansdorf had a chance to forge ahead. He failed to do so, angering himself in the process and drawing a warning from the umpire for "verbal abuse." He held his own service to send the set into a tie break where again having recovered his composure he won 7-4.

By now the young Israeli was beginning to lift his play up a notch or two and he swept into a 3-0 lead in the second set with an immediate service break. Games then went with service until 4-2 when it seemed as if the South African might yet claw his way back into the match.

He stormed to a 4-0 lead on Mansdorf's service. Mansdorf won one more point but Steyn assumed a commanding position at net with a shot deep into Mansdorf's backhand corner. On the run, Mansdorf somehow miraculously not merely reached the ball but scooped it high over the net and so surprised Steyn that he could barely reach it with an overhead smash and he netted the ball. Mansdorf won the next point for defence and from then on was unstoppable as he rounded out the game on the third match point.

This afternoon Mansdorf meets Richie Reneberg of the U.S. ranked 25 on the computer for a place in Friday's quarter finals.

Yesterday's other results: (4) David Pate (U.S.) beat Carl Limberger (Australia) 6-1, 7-6; (6) Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland) beat Jim Courier (U.S.) 6-2, 6-3; Francisco Camendo (Italy) beat Rick Leach (U.S.) 6-4, 6-3; Matt Anger (U.S.) beat Eddie Edwards (SA) 6-4, 7-5; R. Cheney (U.S.) beat Barry Mair (SA) 7-5, 6-1; Garry Muller (SA) beat Mark Woodbridge (Australia) 7-5, 6-4; Peter Aldrich (SA) beat Johan Kriek (U.S.) 6-3, 7-5; (3) Brad Gilbert (U.S.) beat Michael Westphal (W.G.) 6-2, 6-4.

Jack Leon adds: Israel's Gilad Bloom and his partner, Spanish Davis Cup player, Javier Sanchez, over the weekend won the rain-delayed doubles final at the \$105,000 Sao Paulo Open. In the final, the scratch pair beat two other Spaniards, Sergio Casal and Tomas Carbonell 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Immediately prior to going to Brazil, Bloom and Shahar Perkis took the doubles crown at the Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix making this his second consecutive doubles title.

Seeds fall in Jaffa

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
JAFFA. — Qualifiers Kai Giesker of West Germany, American Kevin Lubbers and Holland's Minmousska Kion stole the limelight yesterday, as they put out highly-fancied seeded opponents in second-round men's and women's singles matches at the Israel Tennis Centre courts here.

At the ATP Frankel satellite, Lubbers came through 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 against Israel's No. 4 seed Amit Naor, who won last autumn's inaugural circuit in the biannual event and took fourth place last spring.

Giesker scored a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Britain's 19th-seeded Chris Bailey who also did well at both previous satellites in Israel. Kion got past West German Cornelia Lüssmann 6-3, 6-7, 6-2 in the only upset on the Vancova Phillips women's development circuit, with top-seeded home players Hana Berger and Dalia Gofar among those safely through to the quarters.

In the men's competition, 22-year-old French ace Jean-Pierre Fleurbaey — seeded first — was given a good workout in his 6-2, 6-3 win over very promising Californian Chuck Adams, who is ranked No. 2 nationally behind Michael Chang in his age group in the U.S. Young Adams' trip was financed by Bob and Adele Frankel of Long Island, sponsors of this Israel ATP circuit.

THE SUMMIT's results, then, were mixed, more a reflection of the incremental changes that have taken place in recent years than a new departure.

Their immediate impact on the course of the Gulf war will likely be negligible; ditto the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Lebanese tragedy. At present, the preponderant power to affect regional events lies in non-Arab hands, whether regional or global. Rather, the summit's primary importance lay in the shifting sands of inter-Arab affairs.

In the long run, developments there do have important consequences for the other main issues in the Middle East: the Arab-Israeli conflict; the consequences of the Iranian revolution; and the super-power competition in the region.

Only time will tell what these consequences will be.

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Chrissie confronts the sunset of her career

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Chris Evert may have reached the end of an illustrious career following a first-round defeat at the hands of West German Sylvia Hanika at Madison Square Garden here on Monday.

Hanika, ranked 14th in the world, ended a run of 14 successive defeats against Evert by winning 6-4, 6-4.

With her 33rd birthday one month away — and with Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova firmly entrenched as the world's number one and two — Evert admits she is tired of her gypsy existence and longs for a normal life.

"I'm sort of relieved the year is over," Evert said after her first round defeat in the \$1 million tournament which marks the climax of the women's circuit.

"It's been a long year with a lot of tournaments and I haven't been home for more than 10 days at a time." Although she won five titles in 1987, it was the first year since 1975 she failed to win one of the four Grand Slam championships.

She also failed to reach at least the semi-final stage of the U.S. Open for the first time in her career after a disappointing quarter-final showing in which her serve deserted her against Lori McNeil in much the

same way it did against Hanika. "I've had four or five matches where I've really played below par," said Evert. "It must be nature taking its course." During her 16-year career, Evert has won 18 Grand Slam singles titles and a total of 153 singles titles.

Evert said emotions had played a part in her lacklustre year. "The first few months weren't that happy. Going through a divorce isn't pleasant," added Evert.

Since divorcing British husband John Lloyd, meeting former U.S. Olympic skier Andy Mill, and buying her first home in Florida, Evert said she has longed for a normal home life.

"I just want to stay at home and do things a normal girl does ... I don't want to be a gypsy anymore. I've been on the road since I was 16, that's why twice in my career I've taken a three-month break," Evert, whose career earnings total over \$7 million, said her next break may be longer. "I don't know if it will be six weeks or six months. I'll go home and figure out if I want to play a full year or just selected tournaments. I feel drained," Evert's loss to Hanika marked the first time in 15 meetings she had even dropped a set to the West German. She served eight



GYPSY NO MORE — Chris Evert has had enough of travelling. (Reuters)

double faults and her groundstrokes lacked their usual fire.

Dress designer Ted Tinling, who has seen numerous champions come and go, described Evert's demise as "A sunset." "And sunsets," he said, "Are always beautiful and sad."

In another first-round match, sixth-seeded Argentine Gabriela Sabatini beat Bettina Bunge of West Germany 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

NBA

Flawless Lakers, 'They're something else'

INGLEWOOD, California (AP). — The magic man is up to his usual tricks and so are the Los Angeles Lakers.

With Magic Johnson leading the way, defending NBA champion Los Angeles have started the new season with a bang, opening with a club-record of six consecutive victories.

"We would be crazy if we weren't delighted with our start," Lakers General Manager Jerry West said.

"But I think we can play even better." He should tell that to the San Antonio Spurs. The Lakers made the Spurs their sixth victim, rolling to a 147-130 victory on Sunday night at the Forum here.

While the Lakers were jumping off to their best start ever, spanning 12 seasons in Minnesota and 27 in southern California, Johnson was surpassing West as the club's all-time assist leader.

Johnson, in his ninth NBA season, handed out 10 assists against

San Antonio, increasing his career total to 6,245, seven more than West had in 14 seasons with the team.

"I feel good about it, particularly because Jerry West is a Hall of Famer as well as a hero in Los Angeles," Johnson said. Johnson has continued to be Mr. Versatile for the Lakers. In their six victories, he has averaged more than 20 points, 11 assists and five rebounds per game. Against the Spurs, he had a game-high 25 points.

"At first, I used to look to dish out assists," Johnson said of his early years with the Lakers. "Then last year, coach (Pat) Riley finally turned me loose, told me to shoot. Now I'm between all that. Whatever I need to do, whatever they want me to do, I'll do." Just like last season, when he was chosen the league's most valuable player.

Nevertheless most of the Lakers seemed to be relatively unimpressed with their club record-setting start,

which bettered the five straight opening wins by the 1980-81 team.

"It's a positive way to start the season," 40-year-old centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said. "It's still too early to claim that we're the best Laker team ever, but it's a good confidence-builder." "We have to prepare for the tougher teams coming up," forward James Worthy said. "It's nice to start this way, but we still have to finish a long season."

San Antonio coach Bob Weiss lavished superlatives on the Lakers. "The Lakers have been together as a group so long, and they have a great bench," he said. "They are deeper and probably smarter as a team even than last season. They're something else."

"We were able to stay with them for a while, but they seem to play flawless basketball. If you stumble a little, they'll take it to you."

There were no games on Monday night.

SCOREBOARD

NFL — In the only game played on Monday, The Denver Broncos beat the Chicago Bears 31-29.

NHL — Result of Monday's only game: OT-Montreal 3, Hartford 3.

BRITISH SOCCER — English Football League Cup fourth round results: Arsenal 3, Stoke 0; Everton 2, Oldham 1; Ipswich 0, Luton 1; Manchester City 3, Watford 1. English Division Two results: Shrewsbury 2, Sheffield United 0. Scottish Premier Division results: Dundee United 0, Falkirk 0; Motherwell 0, Celtic 2; Rangers 0, Aberdeen 1; St. Mirren 1, Dundee 2.

SOVIET SOCCER — Spartak Moscow won the Soviet first division championship this week. They took the title for the 11th time in their history, although for the first time since 1979. Zhalgiris Vilnius were placed second on 34 points.

CRICKET — The three-day match between England and a Pakistan President's XI ended in a draw in Rawalpindi on Monday. SCORES: England first innings 383 (T. Robinson 118, W. Athey 101 retired, D. Capel 67). Pakistan's XI 318 for eight (Asif Majeed 157).



A Greek woman dressed as a high priestess lights the Olympic torch with the aid of the sun's rays at the sanctuary that staged the ancient Olympics. The torch was then carried to Athens on Monday on its way to the 1988 winter games venue in Calgary, Canada. (AFP)

BRITISH SOCCER

Grobelaar wants protection from fans

LIVERPOOL (AFP). — Bruce Grobelaar, the South African-born goalkeeper of English championship favourites Liverpool, has pleaded with Manchester United to provide more protection for visiting goalkeepers.

The Zimbabwean international made his plea after being pelted with coins, eggs, bananas and cans during the first half of Sunday's 1-1 draw at Old Trafford. "They must not wait until a goalkeeper is injured before something is done," he said. "Maybe a perspex shield could be the answer at the Stretford end. Anything is worth a try."

Scottish League: World's most brutal

DUNDEE (AFP) — Jim McLean, manager of Scottish Premier Division side Dundee United, has labelled the Scottish League as "The most brutal in the world." Speaking at the launch of his book, *Jousting with giants*, he said: "I do not enjoy the Premier League and the pressure it places on clubs. I believe that it is the most physical, cynical and brutal league in the world. 'You hear people talk about wild tackling in Spain or in some of the other Latin countries, but I don't think any of their hatches men would be able to live with some of those in our league.'"

"I've maintained for a long time that the cut-throat atmosphere which exists makes managers, coaches and players more defensively-minded."

Botham spells victory for Queensland

SYDNEY (Reuter). — Former England captain Ian Botham captured two wickets to help set up a five wicket Sheffield Shield success over Victoria in Brisbane on Tuesday.

Botham took two wickets for five runs in six overs on Tuesday ending with two for 42 off 18 overs as Victoria tumbled from 251 for six overnight to 293 all out.

Queensland needing 115 to win got home despite an early scare when three wickets fell in five balls, leaving them at 33 for four. But Allan Border with 35 averted the crisis and there was no need for Botham to bat.

In Perth, Tasmania crashed to an ignominious 17 runs defeat to Shield holders Western Australia.

Resuming their second innings at 157 for three, Tasmania collapsed to 189 all out, leg spinner Steve Milne taking four for ten on Tuesday to close with four for 55 off 26.3 overs.

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Highlights

Roslyn Mendelson Co-ordinator

Monday, November 16

- Departure from Montreal

Tuesday, November 17

- Arrival Ben-Gurion airport at approximately 3:00 p.m.

- Greeting by Hadassah-Wizo.

- Arrival at hotel

- Welcome get-together and briefing

Wednesday, November 18

- Tour of Haifa, including panoramic view of the bay from Mount Carmel; if time permits, a visit to Baha'i Shrine or garden

- Haifa - Men to visit Golan Brigade

- Women - Drive to Acre for sight-seeing tour

- Visit Hofim Ethiopian Absorption Centre, Youth Aliyah honours Hadassah-Wizo

- Reception by Mayor Shlomo Lahat at Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel

Thursday, November 19

- Tour of Tel Aviv, Caesarea and Hadassim

- Guided tour of Diaspora Museum

- Reception by World Wizo, honouring Cecily Peters marking the 70th Anniversary.

Friday, November 20

- Options: Independence Hall and Day Care Centre, shopping, or stacalite cave (Avshalom reserve) and Scrolls of Fire

- Drive to Jerusalem

- Traditional bread and wine ceremony on Mount Scopus

- Ceremony at the Kotel with Army Rabbinical Choir

- Shabbat dinner at Laromme Hotel

Saturday, November 21

- Walking tour of Old City, including visit to Tower of David

- Evening Panel - Representatives of Israel's political parties: Forty Years in Perspective, to the Year 2000.

Ari Rath, Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Moderator Colette Avital, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Sunday, November 22

- Memorial service - Yad Vashem, Children's Memorial, with Rabbi Israel Lau, Chief Rabbi of Netanya

- Men - visit to the Israel Aircraft Industries - Ben-Gurion Airport

- Women - visit to women's army base

- Assaf Harofe - visit to hospital will include dedication of Imaging Centre

- Festive Concert - Young Philharmonic Orchestra

Monday, November 23

- Visit to the Knesset

- Visit to Hadassah-Wizo Research Institutes and to Residential Centre. Dedication of Residential Centre

- Gala Closing Banquet and installation of National President, at Laromme Hotel, in the presence of H.E. Chaim Herzog, President of State of Israel, and Mrs. Herzog

- Guest speaker: Raya Jaglom, President, World Wizo

- Presentation of the Rebecca Sieff Awards to Avital and Natan Sharansky and Ida Nudel.

Tuesday, November 24

- Jewellery show - by Artist Rachel Gera

- Full day for independent activities

Wednesday, November 25

- Departure transfer to Ben-Gurion Airport or extension of stay in Israel



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CELEBRATION '70

Israel aims to boost U.S. military grant

Post Defence Reporter
Senior Israeli officials will this week try to increase the size of the U.S. military aid package.

The U.S. has pledged \$1.8b. and Israeli officials realize that this sum will not be increased. But they will try to persuade the U.S. to reduce the price of its goods and services - and thus make the \$1.8b. go a longer way.

The Israeli delegation, headed by Defence Ministry Director-General David Ivri, have already left for the talks.

A very well placed source explained that the U.S. Administration sometimes negotiates sales on Israel's behalf - and charges Israel for its services. The Israeli officials will now try to persuade the Americans to try harder with suppliers and

reduce the sums charged for this service.

Last year Israel won a status similar to that of the U.S. Nato allies - which should allow it to buy equipment at the same terms as those countries. Nato allies, for example, are not expected to help cover the development costs of the goods they buy. However, many details regarding this status remain open and the these are to be tackled this week.

But no quick decisions are expected. "It will take time and a lot of convincing," the source told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Treasury, meanwhile, is currently drafting the request for next year's U.S. foreign aid which will come to \$3 billion and will be submitted to the U.S. by the end of the year.

U.S. budget negotiators still searching for \$2b. in spending reductions

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - White House and Congressional budget negotiators, facing a Friday deadline for action, are still searching for 2 billion dollars in spending cuts to complete a two-year deficit-cutting package.

The talks, which went into their 17th day yesterday, hastily began four weeks ago in an attempt to calm world financial markets reeling from the October 19 crash in stock prices. The U.S. deficit is seen as a key factor in the crash.

Wall Street sputtered along on Monday, and the dollar turned in a see-saw performance, as traders and investors waited nervously for word from Washington.

The talks continued to advance, but a deal remained tantalizingly elusive. "I think we're making slow and steady progress," said Representative Thomas Foley, the House of Representatives Democratic leader from Washington State.

Foley, who is chairman of the Congressional negotiators, categorically denied a television report that the talks were close to collapse. "I expect them (the talks) to conclude with an agreement," Foley told Reuters on Monday night.

A White House source who asked not to be identified said the report an agreement was unlikely before the Friday deadline was overstated.

"It goes day to day. Today was not a good day. But they're going back at it tomorrow," he said.

The negotiators have until Friday to agree on how to reduce the deficit. Unless an accord is reached by then, automatic across-the-board spending cuts of \$23 billion will go into effect as mandated by the Gramm-Rudman law.

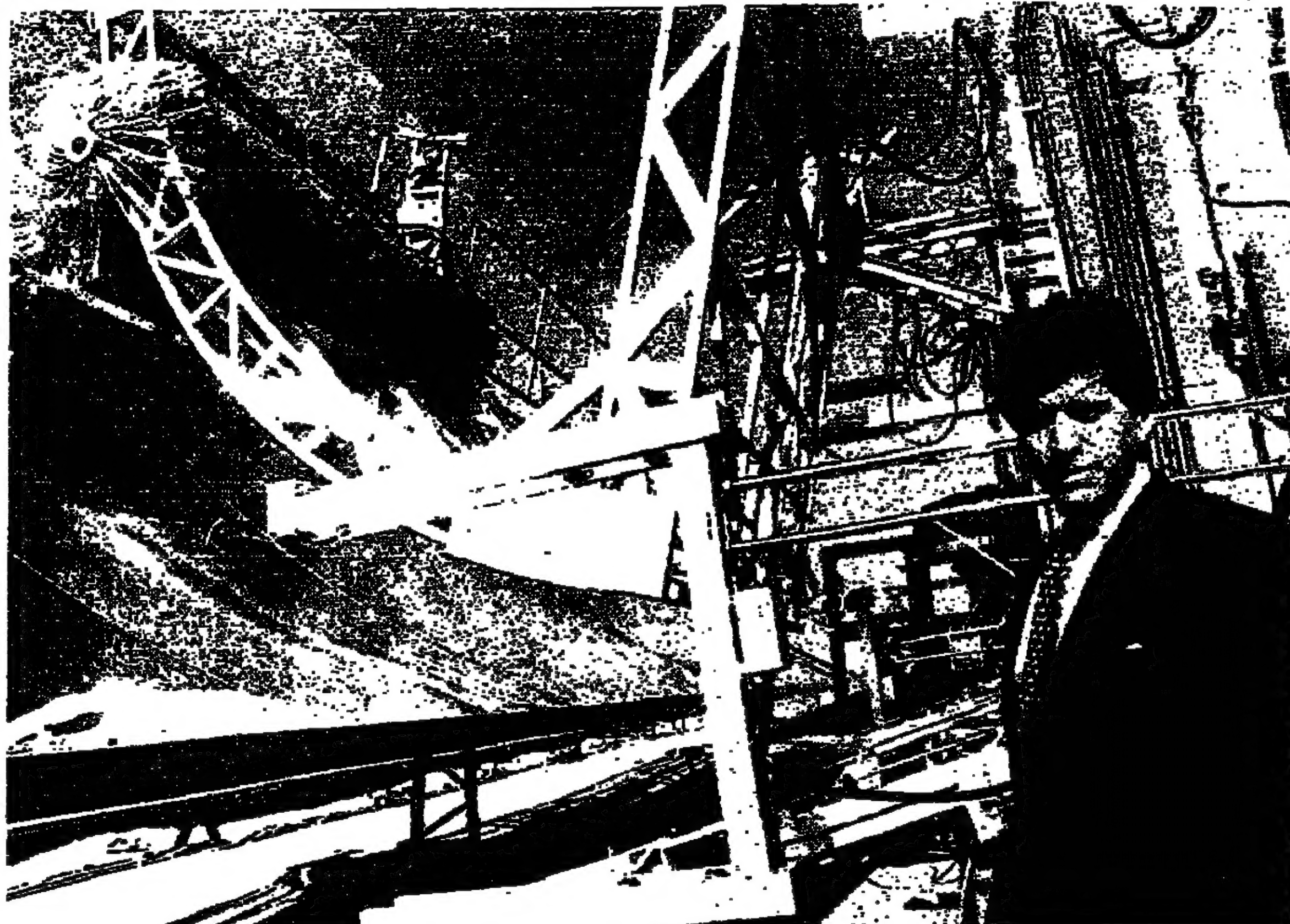
"We're about \$2 billion short" in the negotiations, said Senator Bob Packwood, an Oregon Republican and a key member of the negotiating team. Congressional sources said the final package would include about \$10 billion in new taxes during the current fiscal year, which began on October 1.

But President Reagan vowed on Monday that he would not accept changes in the nation's tax-rate structure to trim the deficit.

"Hiking tax rates is the wrong step, Reagan said in a speech to the American Council on Life Insurance.

The President has said he expects the talks to produce \$30 b. in deficit reductions this fiscal year and as much as \$50 b. the year after.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, meanwhile, increased its estimate of the 1988 budget deficit by \$600 m. to \$179.9 b. The White House projects the deficit at \$163 b.



Assistant U.S. Secretary of Energy David Waller inspects the prototype of a mirror-cleaning robot at the Luz test site in Jerusalem. The robot can clean over 25,000 sq.m. of solar mirrors within a 24-hour period. Luz plans to send it to California in a few weeks to operate at its solar power sites there.

Swissair lauds Israelis

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ZURICH. - The Tel Aviv-Zurich Tel Aviv route is one of Swissair's most successful runs, a group of Israeli travel writers was told here.

Traffic in both directions has increased by 15-16 per cent, said Alex Ackermann, general manager of Swissair's Israel operations.

The demand for seats was so great, he said, that the company is seriously considering an extra flight to bring its weekly total to eight.

There are in fact, eight weekly flights out of Israel to Switzerland in the summer months, but the Sunday flight is dropped during winter. There is a strong chance, said Ackermann that it will be reinstated within the near future.

He added that the popularity of Switzerland as a destination for

Israeli travellers could also be evidenced in El Al's passenger statistics.

If bookings continue to increase, Swissair will try to introduce a ninth flight in summer.

Swissair has this year carried 90,000 passengers on the Tel Aviv-Zurich route.

The plunging value of the U.S. dollar has not had a radical effect on American tourism to Switzerland, said Xavier Bregenzler, Swissair's general manager worldwide for press and public relations.

There has been a decline in incentive group tours from the U.S., he said, but individual tourism is on an upward swing.

Swissair hopes to close the year with a 5% increase in passengers over its 1986 total of 7.4 million.

Wind power turbine near Hebron

By LISA PERLMAN

A 300-kilowatt wind turbine was put into operation last week at Beit Yair, a moshav near Hebron. The \$204,000 single turbine is the fifth to be installed in the country. Costs were covered by the settlement, with participation from the

Ministry of Energy and the Israel Electric Corporation.

At the opening ceremony, Energy Minister Moshe Shalom said that by the middle of next decade 100 megawatts of Israel's electricity would be produced by wind energy and that this figure would rise to 1,000 mw.

Estimate by Bank of Israel

Higher interest rates led to large imports of short-term capital

BY AVI TEMKIN
The high interest rates set by the Bank of Israel caused a \$1.2 billion import of short-term capital by the private business sector, official estimates released yesterday by the Bank of Israel have shown. It was previously thought the inflow of short-term capital did not exceed the \$1b. figure.

Due to the large import of short-term capital, the private sector received from abroad \$1.430 million more than it paid during the first six months of the year. The net receipt of foreign currency for the same period in 1986 was \$260 million.

Included in the \$1.2 billion are \$120m. from tourism. According to the Bank of Israel, receipts from tourism rose by \$310m. compared to the same period last year. From this sum, some \$190m. were the result of a larger number of tourists coming to Israel and the remaining \$120m. came from the drop of sales by tourists of currency on the black market. The purchases of foreign currency by Israelis travelling abroad dropped by \$40m., although according to the number of travellers a rise of \$110m. should have taken place.

Private transfers of foreign currency rose during the first half of the year by \$440 million, the Bank of Israel estimates showed. From this sum the central bank thinks some \$340m. were really short-term capital imports which were brought to take advantage of high interest rates in Israel. The transfers of money to new olim rose by \$190m. In addition there was an increase of \$150 m. in the sums sent to Israel under the heading of gifts and supports over the average level. These increases really concealed short-term capital imports, the central bank said.

Net credits by foreign suppliers rose by \$100 m. during the first half of the year compared to same period last year. The bank admitted this represented a form of short-term capital import.

The bank considers that the total inflow of foreign currency from tourism and transfers that were really capital imports totalled \$700m. In addition there were short term capital imports totalling \$500 million which were defined as such in the official balance of payments statistics.

Tighten belts, Sedki tells Egyptians

CAIRO (Reuters) - Egyptians are exporting more, but they still need to tighten their belts and produce more of everything except children, Prime Minister Atef Sedki told them on Monday.

In a government policy speech to parliament, Sedki said increased oil prices this year had boosted export revenues, but spending had to be cut to balance the economy.

Export earnings were 810 million pounds (\$370 million) in the first half of 1987, compared to 436 million pounds in the same period of 1986, Sedki said.

Tourism recovered from the hijacking and Chernobyl nuclear radiation scares of 1986 with visitors spending double the number of nights in Egypt in the same 1987 period, he said.

"In order to improve standards of living and benefit from development efforts, combatting the population problem is a necessity," Sedki said. "Men of religion should shoulder more responsibility in contributing to a solution."

Some religious leaders oppose family planning.

Wall Street 'Wonder Boy' Boesky now a quiet religious recluse

NEW YORK (AP) - A year after topping from the peaks of stock market success, Ivan F. Boesky has become a religious recluse, rarely seen in an outside world where he once flaunted his wealth.

He now faces prison, multi-million-dollar lawsuits and disgrace.

The 50-year-old son of a Detroit delicatessen owner paid a record 100-million-dollar penalty to the Securities and Exchange Commission a year ago to settle charges of insider trading - the misuse of confidential information to buy and sell stocks.

He has been banished from the securities business for life and is awaiting sentence on a criminal charge of conspiracy to lie to the SEC, for which he could receive a maximum of five years in prison and a \$250,000-dollar fine.

"I would be very surprised if he didn't go to jail," SEC Chairman David S. Ruder said last week in discussing insider trading.

Over the past 12 months Boesky's name has been transformed into a synonym for Wall Street excesses. He has been spurned by former associates and friends who now consider him a pariah.

His generous endowments to Jew-



Ivan Boesky (AFP)

ish organizations are regarded as an acute embarrassment by many Jews, who say privately that Boesky's lust for wealth reinforced anti-Semitic stereotypes.

Medal to honour Gutman

The colourful lithograph "Pomegranates of Safed", considered to be one of artist Nahum Gutman's most beautiful paintings, will become immortalized in a medalion soon to be issued in Israel by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Strive to do a Highland fling? (4,3,5)
- A way about in the normal course of events (7)
- Checking to see if the fare is all right (7)
- Middle-class house contains an aromatic flavouring (7)
- Thoughtful writers I have consulted (7)
- Hen's bed (5)
- Suitable kind of rifle for the sharpshooter? (6-3)
- A mongrol who hasn't the guts to join in union activities in America? (6-3)

DOWN

- Come a cropper with a Spanish composer (5)
- Alone and helpless (7)
- Browned off, the honoured guest was! (7)
- Government by the chosen but not necessarily elected (7)
- Parties appeal to him (7)
- Put one's name to a hire-purchase contract? (5,2,5)
- Lists go round to a French Marshal! (7)
- Good man with rifle ill-used by one who represses (7)
- Agent with sunburnt skin caught in a trap, apparently (9)
- Bar in which poets may be found (5)
- A magazine full of articles that can do a lot of damage (7)
- Literary work I'd get in another form (7)
- Capital way to go underground (6,3,4)
- North-countrymen fresh to disembarkment procedures? (12)
- The distance arachnids have to travel (5,4)
- Putting on weight, possibly (7)
- Venerable idol met in strange fashion (3-4)
- Soames Forsythe's daughter embracing an idle fellow (7)
- Work at set toil—that's an understatement (7)
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Who runs the prisons?

By its very nature the country's prisons and Prisons Service is not familiar to the experience of most Israelis. What the citizenry knows about the subject is what it is told.

This week such telling, by the outgoing Prisons Service commissioner, David Maimon, was no less than a tale of horrors. He described a service that is understaffed in number, understaffed in quality, underpaid, overworked, demoralized, and unable to control the prison population, especially in the case of security prisoners. And he described a physical infrastructure bursting at the seams that only compounds the problems.

Perhaps most chilling was the reason he gave for resigning after just a year in office: because he was not willing to bear responsibility for the next inevitable prison break.

Now there is always the possibility that his critical description is overstated, that a man who sours on a job cannot be expected to give an objective portrayal. However, in this case, Mr. Maimon's strictures do not stand alone. His sorry picture of the prison system has been similarly drawn by others before him.

If the prison population in Israel consisted solely of criminals, then prison conditions could be discussed in terms of their humanity and their role in promoting or reducing recidivism. That is a subject in itself, deserving much more attention than it has received.

But the bulk of that population consists of security prisoners. Their crimes derive from political motivations. Reform and recidivism are not relevant concepts. What is relevant, however, is whether imprisonment at least neutralizes their role in the terrorist alignment, takes them out of play. It is precisely here that the prisons are unable to do the job.

Rather they have become semi-independent terrorist enclaves, run by and on behalf of the terrorist organizations, serving their needs and communicating freely with them. Whoever gets out is more confirmed than ever in the terrorist cause and those that remain in are simply hardened cadres for the future.

Now it may well be that no kind of improved facilities and no amount of well paid and qualified staff of guards could fundamentally change what is in the end a political reality. But that is at least debatable. What is not open to doubt is that when the prisoners effectively run the prisons, as Mr. Maimon has described it, then there is nothing at all to debate about. Fatahland is inside the prisons.

Mr. Maimon's successor, Levy Shaul, drafted from the police, has expressed confidence that he will be able to cope. That is normal.

What is surprising, however, is that the Police Minister, Haim Bar-Lev, has not felt it necessary to address himself publicly to the depressing criticisms voiced by Mr. Maimon. He should not be surprised, therefore, if the public interprets his silence as confirmation, and interprets commissioner Shaul's confidence as innocence.

The case of trade-unionist Vladimir Klebanov:

A test for glasnost

Eric Lee

CYNICS MAY argue that the Soviet leadership has taken few risks, and solved many problems, by releasing political prisoners through-out 1987.

Andrei Sakharov followed his release from exile in Gorky by becoming a "loyal opposition" to Gorbachev, an attitude which has earned him harsh criticism from many of his former colleagues in the dissident movement. Prominent Jewish prisoners have found their way to Israel, bringing to an end their important activities among the Soviet Jewish population.

Though Sakharov in his way, and the Zionists in theirs, are continuing the struggle, they are doing so in a way which is somewhat less threatening to the Soviet regime.

It is in this context that we have to understand why Gorbachev won't release Vladimir Klebanov.

Klebanov, who remains unknown to the Western public, including Israel's, was not an intellectual, not a nuclear physicist, nor a poet. He was simply a working man, a miner from the Ukraine.

After years of suffering at the hands of all-powerful bosses, without elementary protection by trade unions, Klebanov reached the conclusion that Soviet workers needed free trade unions.

It was at the end of 1977 that Klebanov founded the "Free Trade Union Association of the Soviet Working People" and signed up some 200 workers in its ranks. This was an entirely legal activity — had

the Soviet Union been a society based on law. But the lawless KGB cracked down at once. Police stations were supplied with the names and addresses of the union's members, who were then visited and questioned.

Klebanov was arrested in February 1978, barely two months after launching the union. It was determined that he was "suffering from a psychiatric illness," and he was sent to a series of psychiatric hospitals. In February of this year, he was transferred to a hospital in the Donetsk region. There he was told by the head doctor that he would remain in hospital "for many years."

He has had periods in solitary confinement and has been given forced injections of behaviour-modifying drugs. This year, his drug treatments were increased and he was placed in an observation ward.

UNDER GORBACHEV's policy of releasing political prisoners, many trade union dissidents have in fact been released. These were mostly members of Smot, the free trade union established when Klebanov's group was crushed. But Klebanov is not about to be released. He has stood up to the KGB for 10 years, and has revealed himself to be a determined fighter. If released, he will no doubt resume his activities on behalf of working

people. He will not join the "loyal opposition," nor will he emigrate. The dangers of a Soviet free trade union movement on the lines of Poland's "Solidarity" are real. The KGB is acutely aware of this, and uses ruthless tactics to guarantee that such a movement will not arise.

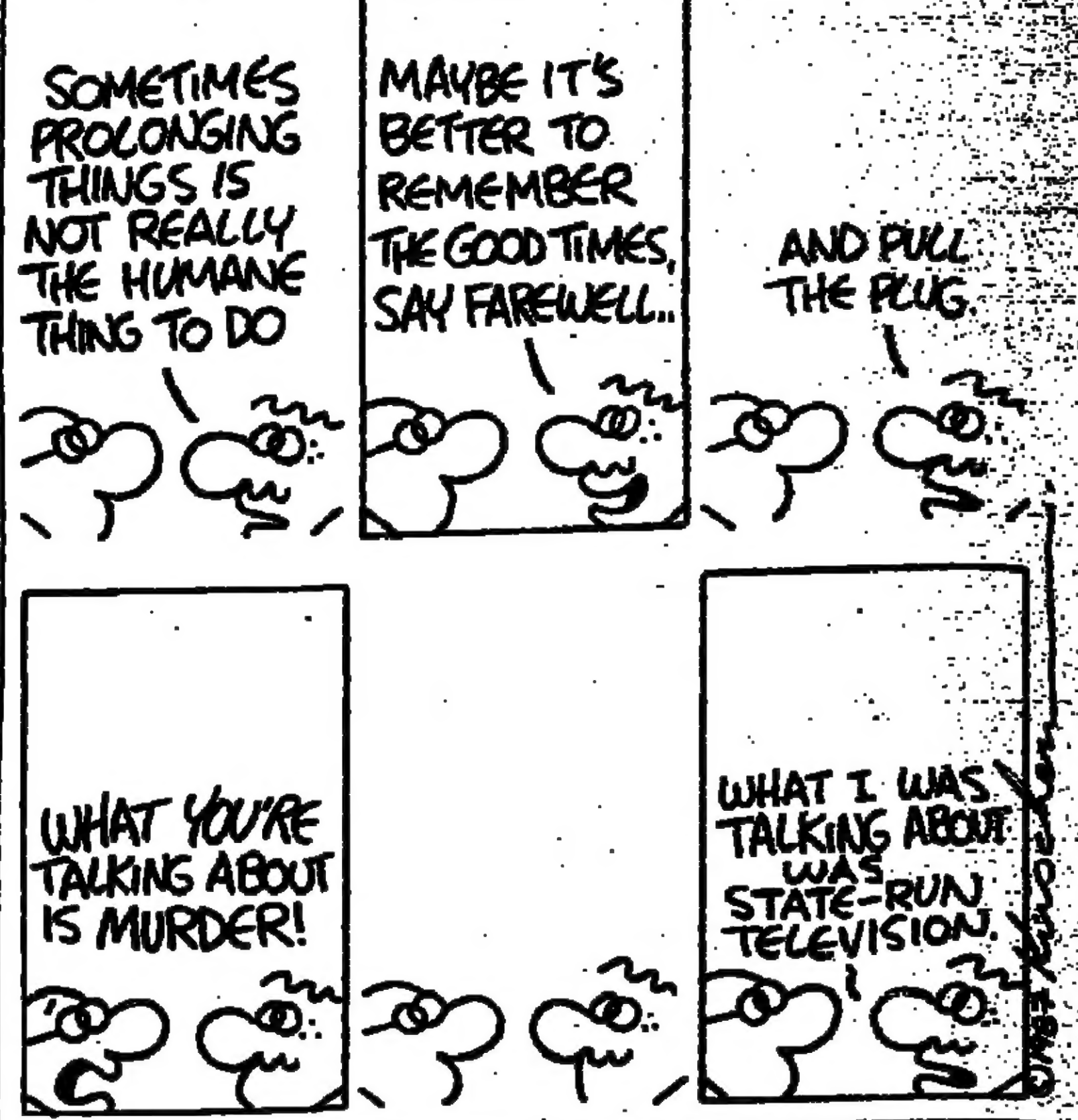
To its advantage is the fact that simple workers like Vladimir Klebanov lack the international fame that surrounds intellectual dissidents, or Zionist activists. His case has been adopted by trade union and social democratic organizations in Europe and elsewhere, but not on the scale of the campaign to free Andrei Sakharov.

MEANWHILE, time is running out for Vladimir Klebanov. In 1984, another Ukrainian miner and oppositionist, Aleksei Nikitin, died in a Soviet prison. Last year, the worker-dissident A. Marchenko also died, after years of imprisonment and exile. The Soviet authorities are hoping that the case of Klebanov will be forgotten and ignored in the West, and that he will rot and eventually die at the hands of the KGB.

Early in 1987, another Soviet worker, Nikolai Khushchev, wrote an appeal for Vladimir Klebanov's release. In accordance with the new rules of glasnost, he was answered with a letter from the Soviet State Procurator's office. The procurator for the review of judicial cases, N. P. Mykhailov, wrote in part:

"From 1968, Klebanov systematically distributed in oral and written

Dry Bones



form deliberately false information discrediting the Soviet government and social system. By doing this, he committed socially dangerous acts... There is no basis for disputing the decisions of the court regarding this case."

Israel's trade union movement and its democratic socialist parties must show their solidarity with this outstanding trade unionist by demanding his release. Israeli psychiatrists and psychologists should rally to his cause, demanding that their profession not be tainted by the use

of psychiatric hospitals to punish dissidents.

Gorbachev has written off Vladimir Klebanov, buried him deep in the network of psychiatric hospitals, prisons and labour camps that still house thousands of dissident prisoners. He will remain there for years to come, probably until his death, unless worldwide protest sets him free.

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Screens in the Night

Ya'acov Friedler

EVEN IN this land of miracles it's hard to believe. Five weeks into the journalists' strike which has kept our radios and TV screens silent, the management that argued it couldn't make ends meet, much less meet its employees' demands, signed an agreement with the TV technicians awarding them higher pay for keeping our screens — when they're back in action — on until one in the morning.

You don't have to be an economist to figure out that when you have no money, you don't spend more. But that's the way it goes in TV House, that Olympus whose many gods have discovered, since the strike, that the world they lord over is not populated with worshippers.

The money apart, is another hour

of TV what Israel needs most, when the Treasury is preparing to cut next year's budget by NIS 750 million? Consider the following:

"People are more rested now because instead of sitting idly in front of their TVs punishing their bodies, they move about and go to bed earlier." An expert opinion from a medical professor during a Kupat Holim phone-in.

The number of road accidents appears to have decreased since the strike, "probably because people are more rested and a little less tense" according to a stress psychologist from Haifa University, quoted in The Jerusalem Post.

It can be argued, with good reason, that watching TV is a demo-

cratic right. When you feel you've had enough you can just switch off.

In effect few people do switch off. When TV is back on the air most of us will stay up until 1 a.m., waiting for the last news bulletin with politicians discussing the day's events.

SOME YEARS ago, the late George Jessel, "Toastmaster of America" visited Israel. He was in his declining years and known for his dependence on the bottle.

But in his lucid moments, during an interview with The Post, he warned: "Don't let them extend TV

broadcasts after 10:30 p.m." (the hour that TV went off the air at the time). "Late night TV has ruined social life in America and it will sure as hell ruin yours too." One may disagree with his predictions, but the facts are there.

Then there was the ex-Ata textile weaver, Yisrael Kargman, who made it to the Knesset, headed the vital Finance Committee and led the lost battle to keep TV broadcasts within the 10:30 p.m. time limit. "We are a working people, and working people need sleep." His plea was ignored, and his beloved Ata has since been allowed to sink too.

At least the strike may have taught us one useful lesson. An

MK's place is in the House, and not in our home, so perhaps we will be spared the nightly parade of these noble 120, telling us what's good for us.

As a matter of fact we already know what's good for us — less, rather than more, TV broadcasting hours for one. But, if public opinion is once more to be ignored, at least let them keep going all through the night. Then at least we'll learn to give up waiting for the bitter end and switch off when we've had enough, which may be earlier than assumed. The very thought that you can watch it all night will satisfy our craving.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

COSTA RICA: A GOOD FRIEND INDEED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to Paul Korda's letter of October 29 about the "Fugitive Nazi" in Costa Rica.

Two facts in his letter are true. First, Boudan Kozy is in Costa Rica, and second, Israel has not asked for his extradition.

When Kozy arrived in Costa Rica in 1985, his true identity was unknown and he came as a foreign pensioner like many others. Once his true identity became known to the police, they began to follow him, and eventually arrested him. Consequently, I believe that Kozy has not lived a life of "tranquil refuge" in Costa Rica, as Mr. Korda seems to think. I believe that at present the question of Kozy's future in Costa Rica is under study.

The reason that Costa Rica has not extradited Kozy to the USSR is precisely that it is a "paragon of democracy," to quote Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and we understand, as Kozy believes, that if he is not there, he may not receive a fair trial.

I wonder if Mr. Korda realizes that Costa Rica was the first country of all those who have embassies in Israel which moved its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, despite the pressure exercised by the Arab countries. Fortunately, many people in Israel know that Costa Rica is a very good friend of Israel.

ANNA JENKINS
(Citizen of Costa Rica)
Kibbutz Gan Shmuel

DUTCH AMITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — On November 9, you published an attractive photo of the planting of Dutch flower bulbs in the Bloomfield Garden near Yemin Moshe in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, the caption contains some inaccuracies.

These bulbs were donated by the "Israel Comité Nederland" (and not as mentioned). This is a Dutch non-Jewish pro-Israel organization which is active in various fields like urging complete freedom for Soviet Jewry, returning of the Dutch embassy to Jerusalem, etc.

This month the ICN sent for the seventh consecutive year more than 100,000 flower bulbs from Holland to the Municipality of Jerusalem.

This week a group of 34 ICN members arrived in order to participate in the planting of the tulip and hyacinth bulbs. The photo shows the planting of the bulbs by the ICN group in the presence of ICN chairman Zeger Hartog and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek. The group was ably assisted by Jerusalem children from the Givat Gonen school in Katamon.

ICN chairman Z. Hartog and the group members were also received by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and presented him with 5,000 bulbs for the ministry garden in order to stress its solidarity with Israel on its 40th anniversary.

MEIR DRUKKER
on behalf of the ICN
Jerusalem.

ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — On September 30, this organization wrote to the manager of Ben-Gurion Airport about wheelchair-accessible toilets. No reply was received. A representative of Alyn Hospital also wrote and received no reply.

It is this indifference and incompetence that prevents us from becoming a developed country in which public facilities are accessible to all as required by law.

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

To the Editor of Jerusalem Post: Sir — I refer to "Banking on illusions," Charles Hoffman's article of November 5, in which you reported the reaction of Mrs. Bernice Tannenbaum to an earlier statement of mine.

I would like to clarify my position that no inference was intended about the leadership qualities of the women delegates to the Zionist Congress, indeed, my respect and admiration for their valuable contribution to the goals we have set ourselves needs no reiteration. Therefore, it is with all the more regret on my part that any misunderstanding might have arisen from the tone or content of the quotation.

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